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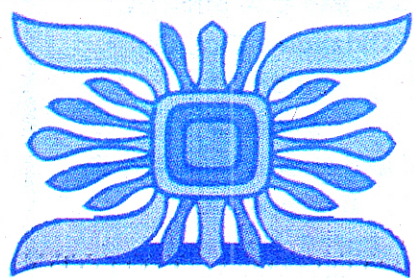
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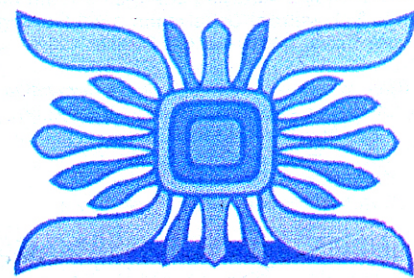
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The intensity and enjoyment of the 1998 Citizen Potawatomi Nation Pow Wow shine through in the expression on Men's Fancy Dance competitor David Clements' face. Mr. Clements is a Muscogee from Norman, Oklahoma. At right are Leslie Barichello, Women's Northern Shawl entrant, and Traci Juneau, Women's Jingle Dress dancer. Miss Barichello is Muscogee from Shawnee, Miss Juneau is Sac & Fox/Blackfeet and a Cushing, Oklahoma resident.



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# TRIBAL TRACTS

## Walking on ...

### George Lehman

Services for former Cogar resident George A. Lehman, 92, of El Reno, OK, were held June 6, 1998, at the Church of Christ Church in Binger with the Rev. Jerry McCorkly officiating.

Lehman was born July 13, 1905, in Sacred Heart to George and Belle (Bruno) Lehman and died Thursday, June 4, 1998 in El Reno.

He married the former Retta Mae Sanders Oct. 29, 1926 in Konawa. She preceded him in death in 1993.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, eight brothers and sisters and one great-great-grandson, Daniel Conner.

He attended school at the Sacred Heart Indian School where he completed the eighth grade. He was a farmer and a merchant owner of the mercantile store in Cogar from 1957 to 1980. He loved to play dominoes, he loved his family and he was a person from the old school where a handshake was binding. He was a member of the Church of Christ of Binger and he loved the Lord.

Survivors include four sons, Alvin Lehman and his wife Vera of Minco, Leroy Lehman and his wife Pat, and Eugene Lehman and his wife Judy, all of Wichita, Kan., and Carl Lehman of

Cogar; two daughters, Odellia Henderson of El Reno and Elaine Greer of Watonga; one sister, Grace Stines of Fontana, Kan.; 17 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great grandchildren; and lots of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Burial was in the El Reno Cemetery under the direction of Gragg Funeral Home of Binger.

### Thelma Jean Bateman

Konawa resident Thelma Jean Bateman died Tuesday, July 14, 1998, in Oklahoma City, OK, at the age of 71.

She was born March 2, 1927, in Konawa to Lucille Dutton and Eugene Wano. She married Alvin Bateman in Fort Smith, Ark., on Oct. 3, 1950, and was a homemaker. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and Amaranth.

Surviving are her husband, Alvin Bateman, Konawa; three daughters, Patty Prestidge and Thelma Terese, both of Huber Springs, Ark., and Norma Gaut, Konawa; three sons, Larry Bateman, Oklahoma City; Steve Bateman, Santa Rosa, Calif.; Chuck Higgins, Concord, Calif.; sisters, Mildred Etheredge, Hugo; Mary McCarty, Oklahoma City; Catherine Bishop, Tuolumne, Calif.; brothers, Donald Wano, Stockton Calif.; Bill Wano, Leavittworth, Calif., seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Services were held July 18, 1998, at Pickard Funeral Home Chapel, Konawa, with the Rev. Bob Metcalfe officiating. Burial was at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery.

### Layne Cluff Dike

Layne Cluff Dike, 55, of Boise, Idaho, was killed in an automobile accident on Wednesday, June 24, 1998.

A viewing was held at Relyea Funeral Chapel. Funeral services were at 11:00 a.m. Monday, June 29, at the LDS Chapel, 1111 S. Cole Road, Boise. Burial services followed at 2:30 p.m. at the Melba, Idaho, Cemetery.

Layne was born July 30, 1942, in Nampa to Reason Thomas "Tom" and Doreen Dike. He was the second in a family of four children. He graduated from Nampa High School, and attended Brigham Young University.

On June 5, 1961, he married his high school sweetheart, Sandra Brown Dike, in Salt Lake LDS Temple. He was the loving father of six children.

His favorite activity was flying and he served for many years as a search

and rescue pilot for the Civil Air Patrol. He loved camping, boating and motorcycling with his family.

Layne's chosen career was a health-care professional in the hearing industry. He was licensed in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. One of the highlights of his professional career was being elected to serve as a delegate to the Small Business Conference in 1986 in Washington D.C.

He was an active member of the LDS church. He was currently serving as ward clerk of the Colehaven Ward. He served as a Seventy for many years. He has been the Sunday School president and High Priest group leader.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Sandra, and his six children, Delayne, Michelle, Steven, Julia, Shayne and Andrea; his five grandchildren, Jordan, Lorin, Ashley, Daminica and Devon; his siblings, Ronald, Jan and Peggy; and his mother, Doreen.

### Jack Paul Enos

Long time Yukon, OK, resident and physician Jack Paul Enos, MD, 78, died Sunday, April 19, 1998. He was born Nov. 11, 1919, in Oklahoma City to Pascal Paul and Emma Ford Enos.

Enos graduated from Central High School in Oklahoma City in 1937. He

graduated in 1950 from the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine and began practicing in Yukon in 1951.

He was a member of the American Academy of Family Practitioners and a member of the Lions Club. He was a World War II veteran and served in the Philippines with the Army.

Enos was preceded in death by his wife, Eva Grace, who died on Nov. 5, 1997. Survivors include sons Mark Enos of Oklahoma City and Scott Enos of Boston, Mass.; a daughter, Judy Moler of Topeka, Kan.; and three grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Christian Church of Yukon.

Memorial services were held at the First Christian Church of Yukon. The services were under the direction of Smith & Turner Mortuary, Yukon.

### CORRECTION

An obituary on Elizabeth Irene (Bourassa) Johnson which appeared in the May HowNiKan included an incorrect spelling of the place of burial. Mrs. Johnson was interred at Grandview Cemetery, Kaw City (not Kay City), Oklahoma.

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## From Our Mailbox

It has been a month since Pow-Wow, and I am just getting around to telling you great people that helped us with the supper on Friday "Thank You!"

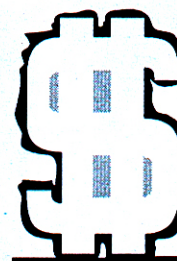
Yes, it was hot and we did laugh and sweat a lot! I enjoyed working with Tribal members that wanted to help in any way that they could — thank you.

The employees were awesome! I can't begin to tell you how much I appreciated your hard work. Thank you, Employees! Without your help, we could not have been so organized, but everyone did their part and we were ready at 5 p.m. Our clean up was done by 7:45 p.m. We probably fed 550 people!

I appreciate each one of you very much. I'd like to name each of you, but I'd have to ask for a whole page. God's blessings to each one of you — you are special!

Your Friend,

Esther Lowden



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# TRIBAL TRACTS

## Nottawaseppi Huron prepare 6th annual Potawatomi Gathering

(Athens, MI) – Members, leaders, and employees of the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi are polishing off preparations for the Sixth Annual Gathering of Potawatomi Nations and Tribes. The event happens from Thursday, August 27 through Sunday, August 30.

"The site for the 1998 gathering will be a clearing in the beautiful Michigan forest near our tribal headquarters, which is located in Athens," said Terry Chivas, Nottawaseppi Chairman.

"We have land-clearing going for campers. We have electricity outlets being set up. We're bringing in water buffaloes and showers," Chivas said.

According to Chivas, the Gathering agenda will include a variety of speakers on several topics. "We have some sweats to be conducted. We will have some surprise entertainment. We are exploring the possibility of an ice hockey tournament."

"The best part of the Gatherings that I've attended has been when a microphone is passed around and anyone who wants to talk has a chance to do so," said Chairman Chivas. "Everybody forgets where they're at and just lets loose. We'll be doing that this year."

Volunteers from the Pokagon Band are preparing activities for children who attend the Sixth Annual Gathering. "They have activities planned for the children and will be taking them to a lot of interesting places," Chivas added. "So, bring your kids!"

Potawatomi Gathering attendees who are looking for other activities can tour the new Kellogg's Cereal Museum in nearby Battle Creek. "There are a zoo and the Kingman Museum nearby, too," Chivas said.

"There are several motels and hotels on the same highway, between Athens and Battle Creek," said Amos Day, Jr. Nottawaseppi Vice Chairman. "There is also a Kampgrounds of America (KOA), for RV's and other campers, just one-and-one-half miles from our tribal headquarters."

"This is a great way to meet our relatives, who were forcibly removed," Chivas said. "It is just going to bring us together. It's a spiritual thing for me. I just can't wait. It's gonna be great!"

Fred Chivas, a member of the Nottawaseppi Elders Council, said, "The Gathering will be good for me because I've lost so much. Seeing these people will bring us closer together."

"It will be a spiritual awakening for me," Vice Chairman Day believes. "Hopefully, we can all learn to live as one nation, in harmony."

The Nottawaseppi Huron are one of three Potawatomi bands located in Michigan. They are the descendants of Potawatomi who hid from soldiers, escaped, and returned to their territory.

The Nottawaseppis' major land holding is their Pine Creek Reservation. It is located 80 miles from Chicago, Illinois

### FREE BUS TO GATHERING!

**Free bus travel will be provided for any Potawatomi tribal member and their family members who wish to attend the Gathering of the Nation in Athens, Michigan. A charter bus will leave from the CPN Headquarters at 6 a.m. on August 26. The bus will depart from Michigan on August 30 at noon and arrive in Shawnee late afternoon on August 31.**

**You will be responsible for lodging expenses, food and incidentals. (A block of 20 rooms has been reserved.) The Tribe will provide transportation only.**

**A fifty-dollar refundable deposit is required per passenger. For more information, please contact Vickie Canfield at 405-275-3121, extension 140.**

and 110 miles from Detroit, Michigan.

The Band achieved federal recognition as a tribe in December 1995. There are 612 enrolled members of the Nottawaseppi Huron Band. The tribe owns 132 acres of trust land. That includes 120 acres it purchased in the 1820's and 12 acres that were purchased in 1991.

"I think enrollment will increase, possibly by as many 300 members, soon," Day said. "We have a vote on a Nottawaseppi constitutional amendment to lower our blood quantum pending."

The proposal is to lower the tribal membership requirement from one-fourth, with one-eighth being Nottawaseppi Huron, to one-eighth, with one-sixteenth being Nottawaseppi Huron.

The Nottawaseppi tribal government offers health services to its members. It recently received notification of approval of Housing and Urban Development Department grant to provide housing for tribal elders.

Education and economic development committees are working on projects in those areas. "We've got quite a bit going for us and are looking for businesses to venture out into," Chairman Chivas said.

The remaining six Potawatomi nations and bands are: the Citizen Potawatomi, the Prairie Band, the Forest County Potawatomi, the Hannahville Indian Community, the Pokagon Band, and the Walpole Island First Nation, which is located in Canada.

Anyone wanting more information about the Gathering can call Nottawaseppi Huron headquarters at 616-729-5151. The Band's mailing address is 2221 One-and-One-Half Mile Road, Fulton, MI 49052.

## Newest Citizen Potawatomi enterprise is Pottawatomie County's oldest radio station

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has added to its list of owned-and-operated business enterprises with the acquisition of Pottawatomie (Oklahoma) County's oldest radio station. The Nation has announced an agreement to purchase KGFF-AM (1450 kHz), located in Shawnee and serving Pottawatomie County and surrounding areas since 1930.

"Acquiring KGFF is an extension of our philosophy of operating professionally-run businesses that serve Citizen Potawatomi Nation citizens and the community at large while earning a profit to support the tribe's programs," said John "Rocky" Barrett, Chairman.

"We will determine the type of programming that will appeal to the largest number of listeners," Barrett said. "While doing that, we will enhance KGFF's 'Hometown Station' image with an extensive local news and sports effort."

KGFF has a long history of serving the information and entertainment needs of Shawnee and Pottawatomie County. "We will build on that history by improving the station's ability to provide the local news and sports and other information people here need," Barrett said.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is purchasing KGFF-AM from the Sanders/Cantrell Partnership. The Sanders/Cantrell principals are Dan Sanders, owner of La Roca Restaurant in Shawnee, and Mike Cantrell, who is currently in the oil industry in Ada, Oklahoma.

The purchase, which is pending approval from the Federal Communications Commission, will make KGFF-AM one of approximately 30 United States radio stations that are owned by Native American tribal governments, Native American-owned companies, or individual Native American entrepreneurs.

Barrett said that Michael Dodson, the Potawatomi Nation's Director of Public Information, has been named KGFF Station Manager. "Mr. Dodson has more than 24 years of experience in radio and television," Barrett said. "Working with Potawatomi administrators and officials and KGFF employees, he has prepared a set of recommendations for making the station an exciting, vital part of Shawnee area residents' lives again."

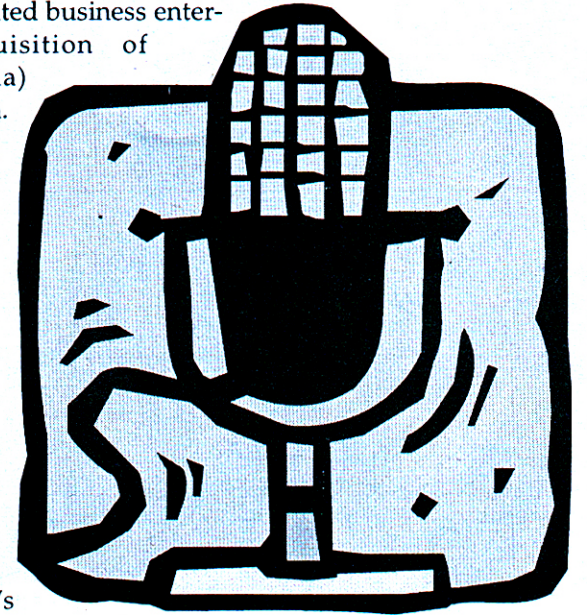
Dodson, who will retain his Public Information Department duties, has worked in radio and television stations across Oklahoma and Texas. These include: KEBC-FM, KTOK-AM, KOCY-AM, and KCNN-AM, all in Oklahoma City; KNOR-AM in Norman; KKAJ-FM/KVSO-AM, KICM-FM, and KTEN-TV in Ardmore, Oklahoma; KSEO-AM&FM in Durant, Oklahoma; and, KWEY-AM&FM in Weatherford, Oklahoma.

Dodson produces and hosts a half-hour, interview program, "The Native American Speaks", which airs on KOMA-AM in Oklahoma City and KWEY-AM&FM.

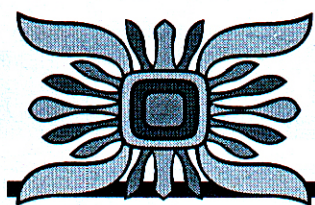
The Citizen Potawatomi Nation currently owns these business enterprises or facilities: FireLake Golf Course; Charlie's at FireLake Restaurant; the Potawatomi Tribal Stores in Shawnee and Tecumseh; FireLake Entertainment, with a 24-lane, state-of-the-art bowling alley; FireLake Bingo and Class Two Casino; FireLake Off-Track Pari-mutuel Racing; First National Bank and Trust Co. of Shawnee; and, the Potawatomi Museum and Gift Shop.

The Nation is the eighth largest employer in Shawnee, with 386 employees and an annual payroll of more than \$4.25 million. "The KGFF acquisition pushes our total number of employees to very near 400," said Linda Capps, tribal Vice Chairman.

"The KGFF purchase emphasizes the Nation's positive impact on the economic well-being of the Shawnee area," Capps said.







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Allene Hodges, 92, Right, Was Honored As The Wisest Potawatomi Present At General Council



Esther Lowden Reported The Results Of The Annual Tribal Election To The Council

## Election results highlight annual General Council

By MICHAEL DODSON  
CPN Director of Public Information

A highlight of the 1998 Annual Citizen Potawatomi Nation General Council meeting was announcement of election results. Linda Capps and Gene Bruno had run unopposed for Tribal Vice Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively.

In Potawatomi Nation Supreme Court Justice and District Judge retention voting, Truman Carter, Almon Henson, Rex Thompson, Lawrence Wahpepah, G. William Rice, Robert Coffey, Steven Lamirand, Phillip Lujan, and Greg Bigler all won retention.

Results were as follows: Carter (absentee 172-10, in-person 72-4, total 244-14); Henson (167-14, 73-5, 240-19); Thompson (165-15, 70-6, 235-21), Wahpepah (179-4, 76-5, 255-9); Rice (168-13, 75-5, 243-18); Coffey (176-9, 73-3, 249-12); Lamirand (172-11, 74-4, 246-15); Lujan (180-7, 76-5, 256-

12); and, Bigler (170-11, 72-4, 242-15).

The Land Development and Maintenance Budget was approved with vote totals of (179-18, 76-12, 255-30).

John "Rocky" Barrett, Tribal Chairman, urged members to vote in larger numbers in the future. "Voting is the only way we have of exercising our authority as a government. Unless we exercise that authority, it does not exist. So, I encourage all of you to participate. I am concerned because it seems that, the better we do, the more progress we make, and the more success that we have, the fewer people who vote in tribal elections."

Michael Minnis, the Nation's Attorney, reported on four court cases. Among these were the Collier case and the C and L Roofing case.

Minnis reported that the Nation had won a Tenth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals victory in the Collier case. That victory will prevent the

Absentee Shawnee Tribe from claiming the Citizen Potawatomi Nation jurisdiction as its own for purposes of federal funding. It will, after decades, result in a fair distribution of federal funds among the Native American nations and tribes in the Shawnee area.

(The May edition of the *HowNiKan* contains a story on the appeals court win while the full text of the decision is included in the June edition.)

Minnis called the Collier case decision "a really historic decision." But, Minnis reported, "unfortunately, this case is not over yet. The other side has petitioned for a rehearing. We don't, reasonably, expect that it will be granted. But, we also anticipate that the Absentee Shawnee will petition the Supreme Court for review by certiorari. Again, we don't think that will be granted."

Minnis added, "This is a wonderful decision. It's a decision that's going to have



The Youngest Tribal Member Present, Julia Maxine Marie Finch, Brought A Big Smile To The Face Of Tribal Chairman John A. Barrett

all kinds of ramifications. That's because, in Oklahoma, the former boundaries of a tribe's reservation determine most of the federal funding a tribe receives."

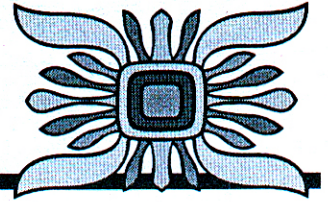
According to numbers that Minnis has researched, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe has been awarded a wildly dispro-

portionate share of housing funds from the Housing and Urban Development Department during the past three years.

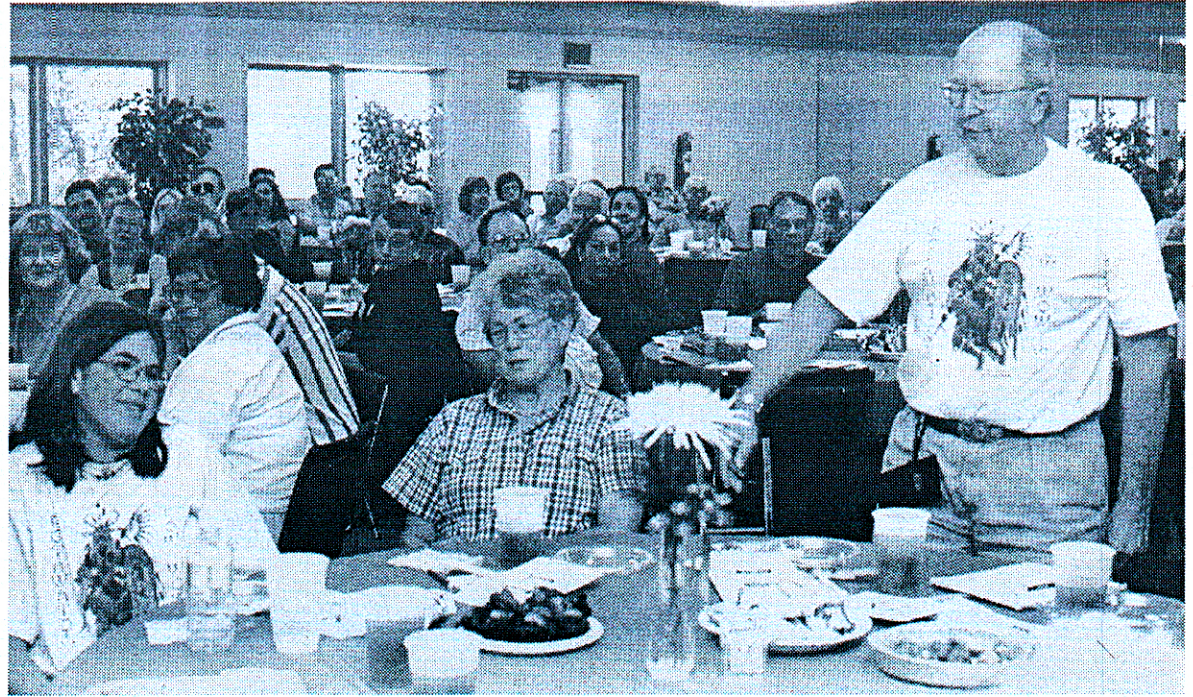
"The Absentee Shawnee Tribe received \$17.5 million. However, the Potawatomi, the Kickapoo, and the Sac and Fox, Continued on next page



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**Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Left, And Regional Director Jennifer Porter Visit After The Council Meeting**



**Bob Wall, His Wife Pat, And Granddaughter Erica Wall Traveled Farthest — From Albany, New York — To Attend The Council Meeting**

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all of whom have reservations, received just \$7.5 million in HUD funding in those three years combined," Minnis pointed out.

Those three tribes have 90% of the enrolled Native American population in the Shawnee area and 99% of the tribal land base in the area. Despite that, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe received 70% of the HUD funding that went to these four tribes in the three-year period.

That was approximately six thousand dollars for each Absentee Shawnee tribal member living in the area. It amounted to just \$158 for each enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation who lives in the Shawnee area.

Minnis also reported on an important Citizen Potawatomi Nation win in the U.S. Supreme Court. A company that did not get a contract to do roofing work as the new building was constructed for the Nation's bank, First National Bank and Trust Co., had sued the Nation.

That U.S. Supreme Court ruling upholds Native American nations' sovereign immunity from suit in business transactions conducted outside a nation's jurisdiction.

Larry Briggs, President of



**First National Bank President Larry Briggs, Left, And Tribal Attorney Michael Minnis, Right, Each Gave Tribal Members Very Good News During Their Reports**

First National Bank, reported that it "did extremely well in 1997. It posted about a 15% asset growth. As of December 31, 1997, it had assets of \$44.6 million in assets. It has grown to past \$50 million in assets during 1998."

Asset growth rates for the other Shawnee banks ranged from none to 3.5%, according to Briggs. The First National Bank asset growth, at \$5.5 million

dollars, was almost as large, in total dollar terms, as the growth of the two other banks that posted positive numbers.

First National Bank's loan growth rate in 1997 was less than in the previous two years. However, Briggs reported, that was a result of a period of consolidation following rapid growth the previous few years.

At 92 years old, the wisest Potawatomi attending the



meeting was Allene Hodges, a member of the Ogee and Beaubien families. The youngest enrolled Potawatomi tribal member present was 8-month-old Julia Maxine Marie Finch, daughter of Jeremy Bertrand and Mardesia Finch. Jeremy Finch is the Northern California Regional Representative.

Bob Wall, his wife Pat, and their granddaughter Erica Wall traveled farthest to attend the

meeting. They drove 15 hundred miles over two days from Albany, New York, to attend the meeting.

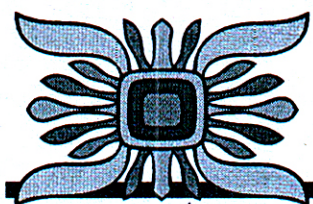
Linda Harris of Arizona, a member of the Taupin family, and her aunt met for the first time in 15 years at the Pow Wow. They had been searching for each other since Linda was 16 years old.

In a question-and-answer session that closed the General Council Meeting, tribal member Joe David Melot asked why the Potawatomi Nation does not issue license plates for vehicles owned by tribal members.

"The way we interpret the Sac and Fox Nation's U.S. Supreme Court victory on tribal tags," Barrett said, "a tribal member is entitled to receive a tribal tag (only) if he lives on trust land within the original jurisdiction of the tribe."

Barrett pointed out that, in the Potawatomi Nation's case, that means between the North and South Canadian Rivers, on the north and south, the Pottawatomie-Seminole County line on the east, and one-mile west of the Indian Meridian on the west. There is about six thousand acres of tribally owned and individually owned Potawatomi trust land in that area.

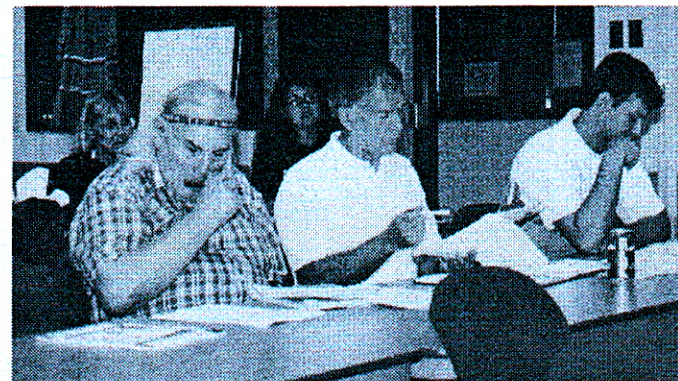




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At left, seven of eight Citizen Potawatomi Regional Directors gather for a rare group photo. They are, from left, Marjorie Hobdy (North Texas), Jeremy Bertrand Finch (Southern California), Philonise Williams (Southwest), Jennifer Porter (Northern California), Roscoe "Rocky" Baptiste (Oregon/Idaho), Lu Ellis (South Texas), and Maryann Bell (Midwest).



Language lessons taught by Mr. Walter Cooper (right) were a very popular feature of Pow Wow weekend.

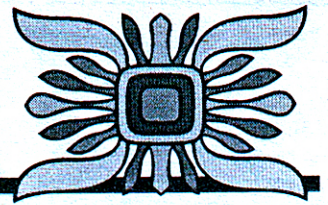


The evening meal on Potawatomi Night was again a big attraction, as shown at right. At left, Donnette Littlehead and Chris Wheeler prepared the fire bread for the fry pot. At bottom right, employees Ron Everett, Donnette Littlehead, Darlene Sisco and Stacy Martin make sure the fry bread is ready. Below left, Potawatomi men, including Josh Barrett (left), Rocky Baptiste (third from left) and Jeremy Finch (fifth from left) enjoyed Friday's All-Potawatomi night.

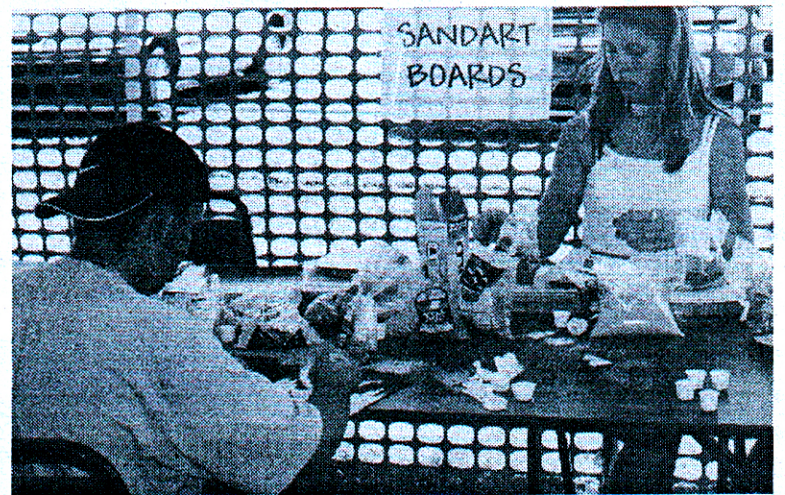
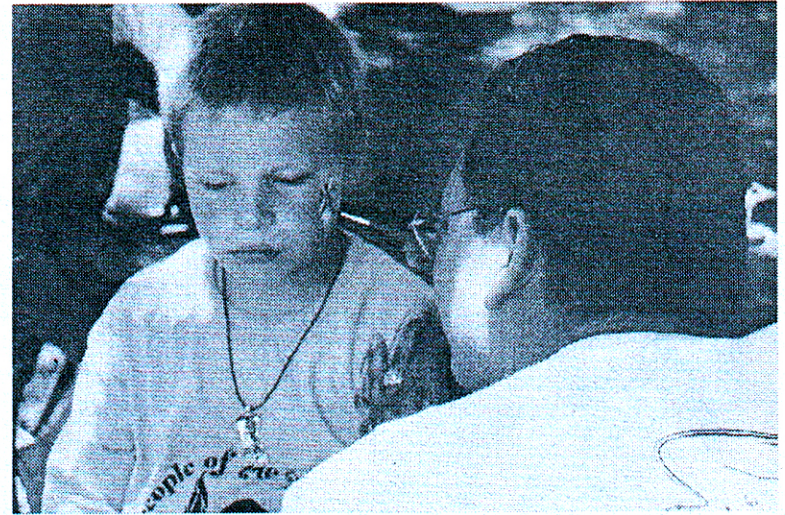




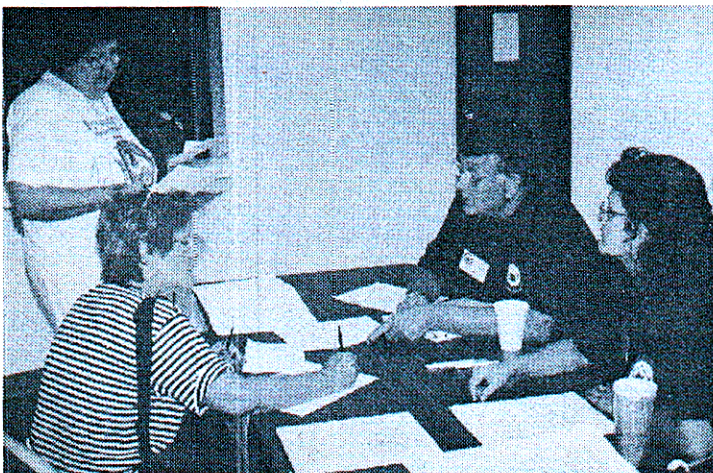
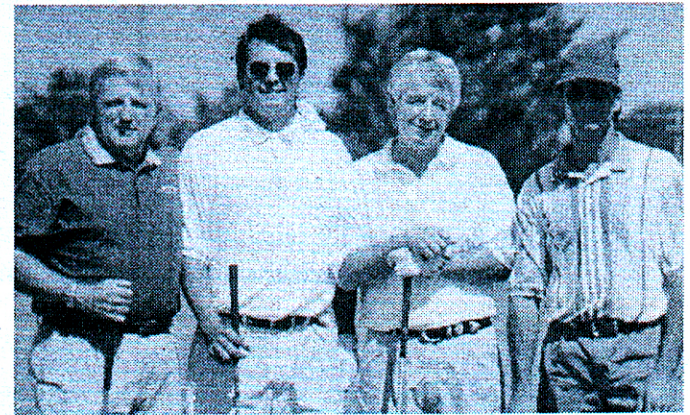
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The young people had plenty to entertain them throughout the Pow Wow. One young woman is fashionable in a (live) raccoon cap. The face-painting booth was a popular stop in the children's area as was the sand art area.



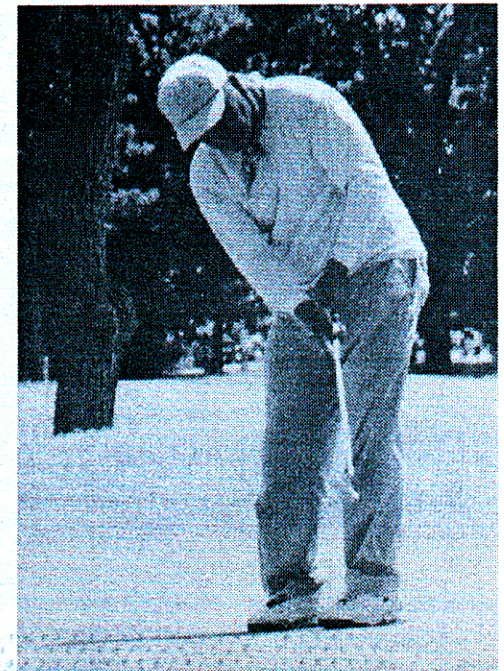
The Nation put its FireLake Lanes bowling alley to great use. Many tribal members participated in the annual golf tournament at FireLake Course. Hilton Melot, Business Committee member; Mike Wood, Golf Director; Gene Bruno, Tribal Secretary-Treasurer; and Kelly Somner smile for the camera. The *HowNiKan* staff is almost positive they recorded a sub-par round.



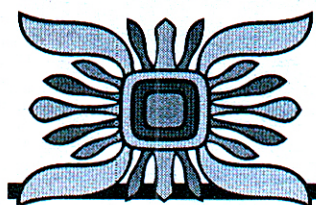
Robert Carlile, Housing Director, and Lea Miller answer questions about their program.



Health screenings, such as this one with the Oklahoma Blood Institute, were also popular.







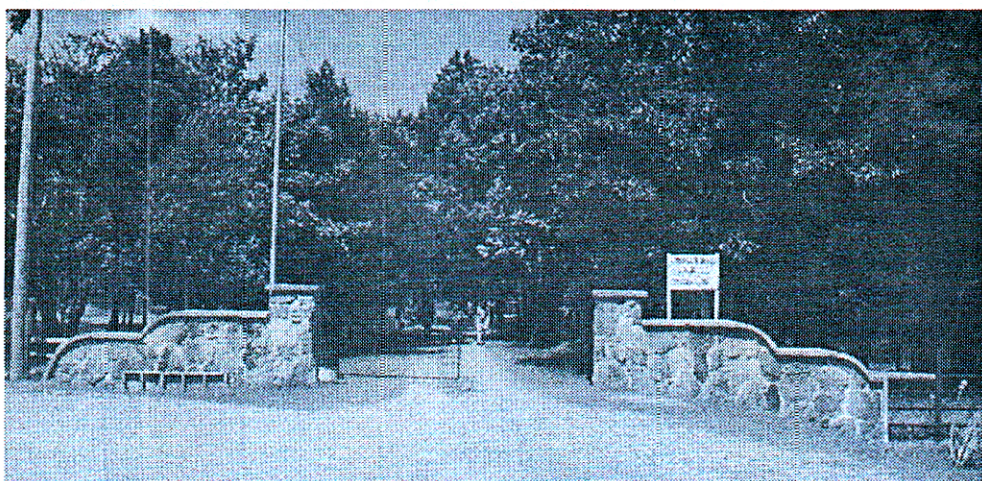
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## The Sacred Heart Tour

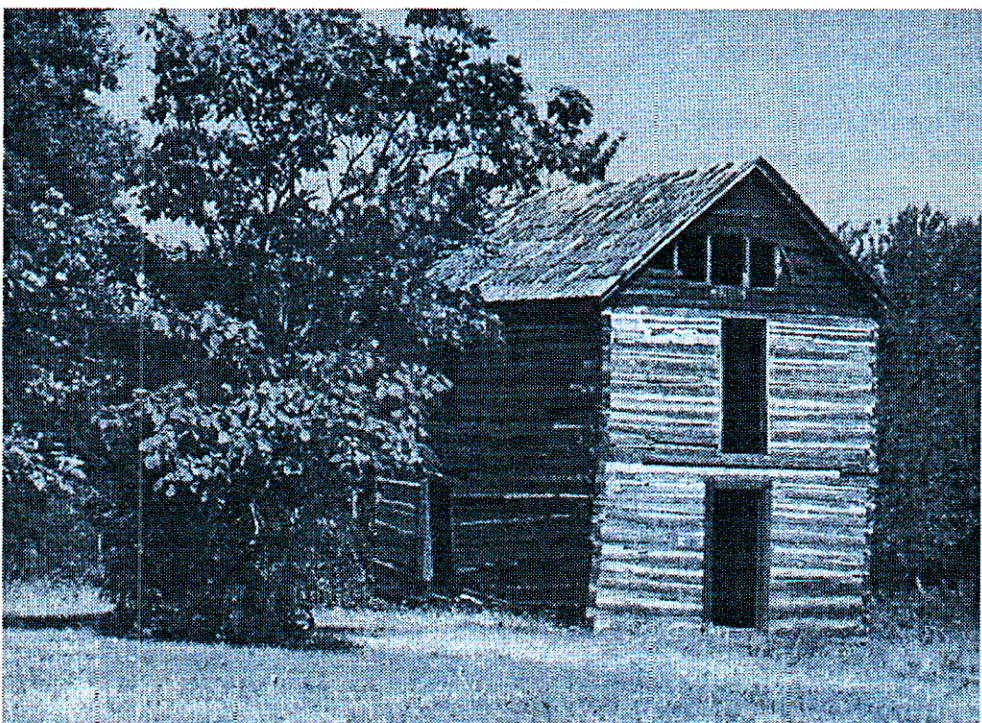
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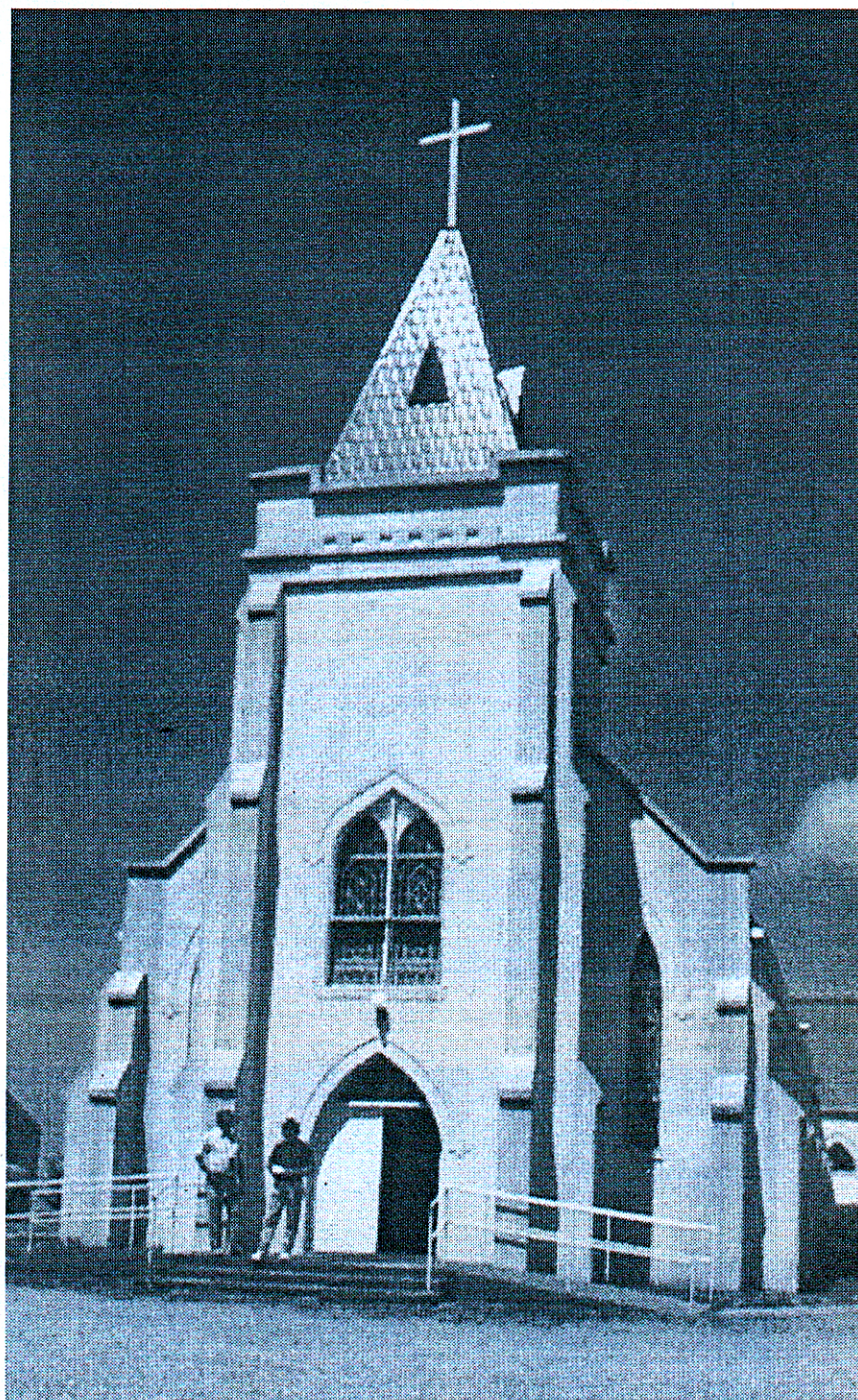
Tribal members listen to Tim Lowery of the Sacred Heart Historical Society tell about the mission.



Stone gates guard the entrance to the mission site.



This cabin, of French design, is one of only two original mission buildings still standing.

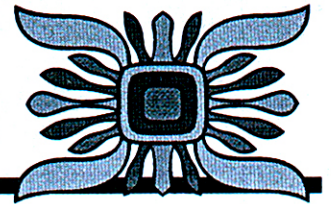


The steeple of Sacred Heart Church, above, greets visitors to the mission, which is down in the valley to the west of the still active church. Below, Father Lawrence of St. Gregory's shows the tour group one of two mission cemeteries.



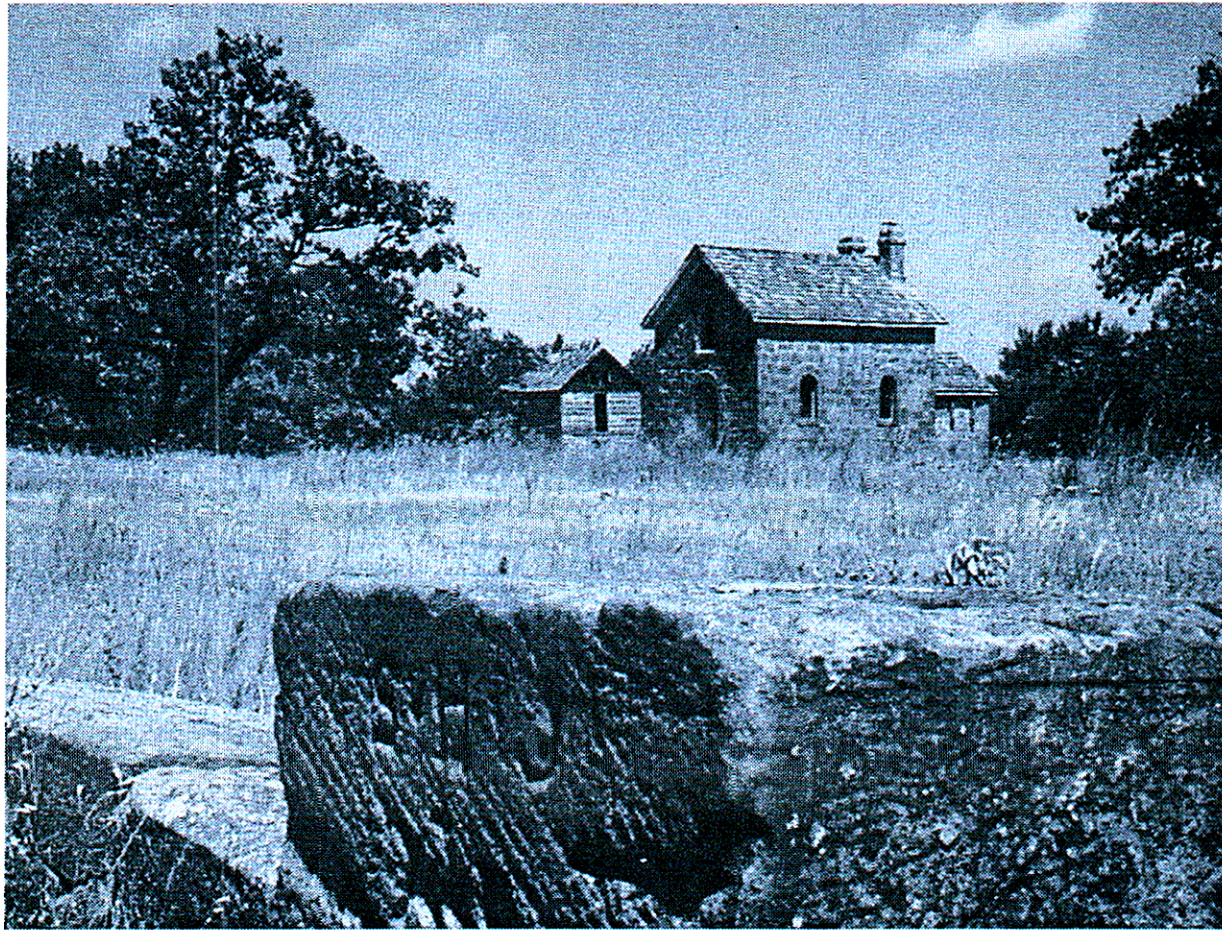


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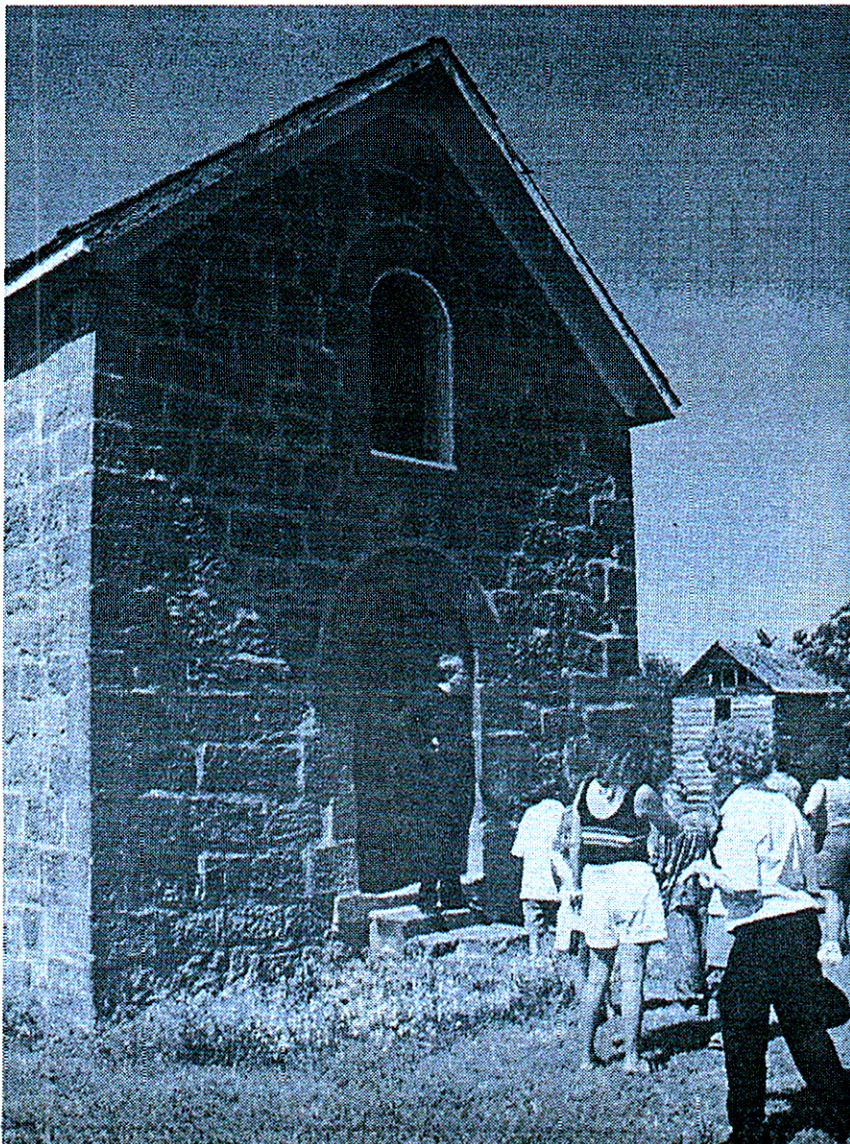


## *The Sacred Heart Tour*

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The cornerstone for the church that was never built at Sacred Heart Mission (above) stands in the foreground of a picture of the only two remaining buildings, the bakery and the cabin. Below, Father Lawrence shows the tour group where the Benedictine monks baked bread for the mission.



Formal gardens once graced the mission grounds, but only traces of them now remain.

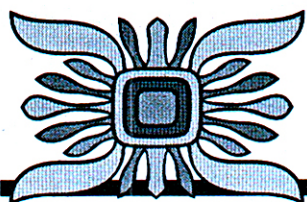


Visitors are always moved as they visit the final resting places of the monks and nuns who lived at Sacred Heart Mission.

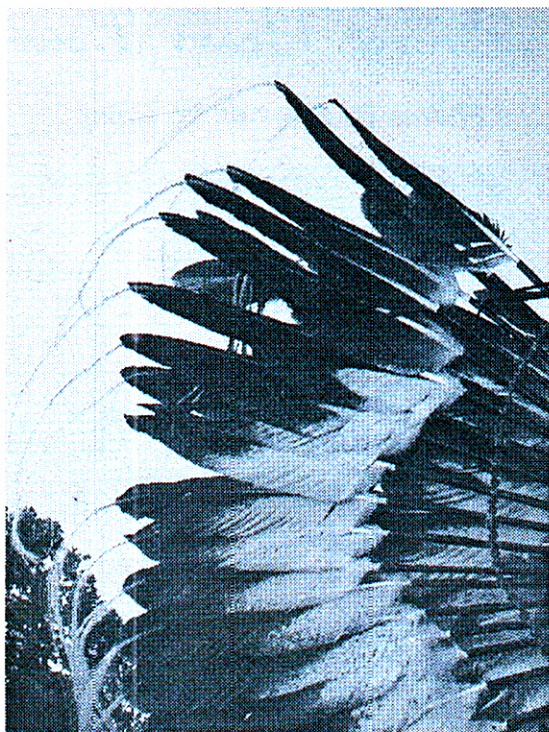


Tribal members look for family names in the cemetery at Sacred Heart Church





# 25th ANNUAL CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION POW WOW!



Potawatomi women (right) enter the arena during Friday's Potawatomi Night. They are Maxine Baptiste (left), Jennifer Porter (third from left), Linda Capps (fourth from left), Maryann Bell (fifth from left) and Philonise Williams (far right).



Arena Director Rogan Noble and assistant Jon Ketzler check lineup.



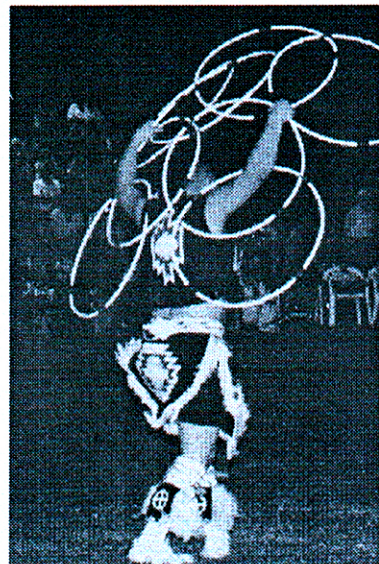
The Tiny Tot competition was, as always, a highlight.



Vice Chairman Linda Capps exchanges views with Eloise Rice, wife of Pow Wow emcee Joe Rice.



Gourd dancers sought shelter from the heat in the round house.



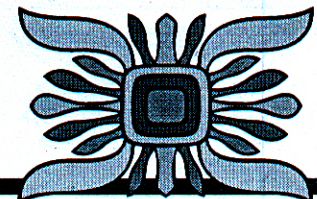
Brendan Fairbanks thrilled and amazed the audience with his Hoop Dance magic.



Sacrificing the chance to compete, Head Man Dancer Zach Morris helped make the Pow Wow a great success.



# 25th ANNUAL CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION POW WOW!



In the top photo, Pow Wow Princess Kristy Phillips leads the grand entry with aplomb and professionalism. Immediately above, Rocky Baptiste and emcee Joe Rice are deep in conversation about important details.



The color guard included veterans Bob Whistler, left, and Josh Barrett, second from left.



Chairman Barrett, striking in his Potawatomi regalia, was everywhere making things run smoothly



Kristy Phillips greets Rocky Barrett during her Sunday afternoon giveaway as Joe Rice observes.

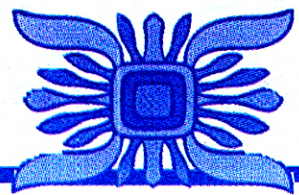


Vice Chairman Linda Capps ensures that Tiny Tot performers receive encouragement.



Three drums kept the beat strong for the entire Pow Wow. Blackbird is pictured here, and Rough Arrow and Scissortail also performed.





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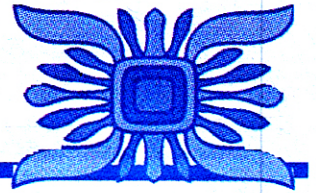


Top left: Business Committee members (from left) Hilton Melot, Gene Bruno, Jerry P. Motley, Linda Capps and Rocky Barrett march in the Grand Entry. Top right: A little one sleeps through the excitement of Pow Wow. At center right, Jenny Weryackwe, a Junior Girls Jingle Dress competitor, is deep into a Grand Entry dance. Jenny is a Comanche from Broken Bow, Oklahoma. At bottom right, dancers resplendent in their regalia enjoy Grand Entry. Bottom left: Vice Chairman Linda Capps does her favorite duty — rewarding young dancers. At center left, Men's Fancy Dancer R.G. Harris, a Sac & Fox from Stroud, Oklahoma, breaks off an intricate step during competition.





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Top left: Michael D. Logan Sr., a Men's Traditional dancer, sported one of the more interesting sets of regalia at this year's Pow Wow. He's Inuipag/Sac & Fox and hails from Kotzebue, Alaska. Top right: Sanda Spottedwolf placed second in the GoldenAge Women's competition. She's a Cheyenne/Comanche from Bessie in Western Oklahoma. At center left, Chris Fairbanks appears to be reaching inside for the motivation for his Men's Fancy Dance competition. He's a Kickapoo/Ojibway from Oklahoma City.



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Below left: These gentlemen took home top money in the Men's Fancy Dance category. From left, they are R.G. Harris, third; Poncho Brady, second; and Kevin Connywerdy, the winner. Brady is a Hidatsa/Arikara from Newton, North Dakota. Connywerdy, a Comanche, lives in Norman, Oklahoma. At bottom right, young tribal member Julia Maxine Marie Finch shows her support of the tribe's bank, First National, by trying to eat one of the fans the bank handed out at General Council.







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# REGIONAL REPORTS

## Midwest

Hello from Kansas City,

Our annual Pow Wow this year in Shawnee was quite a success and a great turn out as usual. It was good to see so many familiar faces from my region! Our drive from Kansas City was quite warm, but we had a beautiful day for the drive to Shawnee.

Early Friday morning we had a directors' meeting with some of the Business Committee. Most of discussion was about the Pow Wow and "rolling up our sleeves" to help out in any way we can. Starting this year our Pow Wow was run with more of our own expertise and efforts and I guess in some instances, a little trial and error. But for us to become more independent we must go through these growing pains. Overall things did go quite well.

On Friday evening the tribe provided us with a traditional Indian meal. The meal included meat gravy, whole red potatoes, corn soup, hominy with beans, fry bread, fresh fruit, iced tea and dessert. I want to thank everyone involved in this effort for all your hard work. It was very much appreciated! Megwetch!

I was honored to be asked by Chairman Barrett to help judge the ladies' dance contests. This is a very difficult job to do. All of the dancers are good and the judging of who is the "best" is not an easy task. All the dancers put their heart and souls into what they are doing from the regalia they wear to each dance step. As far as I am concerned there are never any "losers" in these competitions. They are all winners just for being in the arena. I have competed

in the ladies cloth division myself so I know the pressure and what is expected of you. Congratulations to all of the winners who placed and to all of the competitors who participated.

At the General Council meeting on Saturday there was a discussion again on the subject of health care. I know I've had a lot of inquiries from you about this. I addressed the committee about any new developments along these lines. It was brought up about the possibility of our tribe becoming an HMO for our tribe as well as other tribes who are interested. This arrangement will be investigated.

On Monday morning we had another directors' meeting. Most of the discussion was centered around the new regional offices that will be built. This certainly is exciting news for all of us. It seems the Kansas City regional office will be the first one to go up. I am really looking forward to this. I feel this is something our region will benefit from greatly. I know a lot of people always felt there isn't really much for the Potawatomi unless you live in Shawnee. Hopefully we will see some changes.

Just to remind everyone about the Gathering of the Nations to be held in Athens, MI on August 27-30. This is a gathering of all the Potawatomi "bands" from across the country. It was mentioned that there may be a chartered bus coming from Shawnee through Kansas City to pick up the Potawatomi families who are interested in going to Athens for this event. Please call Shawnee or the KC regional office for the latest details.

Also keep in mind the Trail of Death commemorative caravan that will be heading into our area on September 29 to dedicate markers along the trail. This is to commemorate the forced removal of the Potawatomi Indians from Indiana to Kansas in 1838. They will travel the route beginning on September 21 at the Fulton County Historical Society museum in Rochester, IN. They will cross Illinois, Missouri and Kansas, concluding the journey at Osawatomi, KS, a distance of 660 miles in 10 days. Contact Shirley Willard at (219) 223-2352, or e-mail at [wwillard@rtcol.com](mailto:wwillard@rtcol.com), or call the regional office if you would like to participate in the dedication of the markers in our area. If you have Indian regalia, please feel free to wear it.

I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to our head staff, Business Committee and meal committees and everyone else involved for making our Pow Wow a success. Without this combined effort, none of this would be possible. Thank you, Lu Ellis, for the Potawatomi representation as our Head Lady. We are so proud of you! Thank you to Zack Morris, our Head Man, for all of your efforts and expertise. Thanks to Rocky Baptiste for being our Head Gourd Dancer representative for the Potawatomi people. Thanks to Rocky, Linda, Gene, J.P., Bob, Hilton, Esther (and countless others) for all of your endless efforts, energy and hard work throughout the years on behalf of the Potawatomi people!

Megwetch,

— Maryann Bell

## Oregon/Washington/Idaho

Ni ji na Nikan,

Boy, was it hot in Oklahoma! As usual I had a wonderful time at the annual council meeting and Pow Wow. Friday was our second Potawatomi Day, and it was even better than last year. The food was out of this world. Esther Lowden cooked fry bread over the hot, outdoor fire while the rest of us ate. It had to be just about the best traditional meal I have ever eaten. She sure is a good cook.

I wish all my Oregon, Washington, and Idaho members could have been there. I did get to meet a couple of you there. I was especially honored to be head gourd dancer this year and had some wonderful members join me in the new roundhouse. They set up big fans to help with the heat and we really enjoyed the shade of the roundhouse. Of

course the Pow Wow on Saturday and Sunday was spectacular, with all the dancers in their very finest regalia. We really enjoyed watching them. It must have been very hot for them as they had so much leather and beadwork on their regalia.

Our new complex of offices is really nice. Beautifully decorated and looks like everyone is settled into their new offices nicely. I took some language classes while I was there with Norman Kiker and Walter Cooper. Walter is an elder Citizen Potawatomi from the Prairie Potawatomi reservation in Kansas, who came down to help us try to learn our language. What a wonderful fellow he is to learn from.

Besides teaching some Potawatomi words, he told of some old traditions. About the way they gave the first born

the color of blue and the second born red and alternate each after that, blue and red. The reason was, when they sent men off to fight battles, or as warriors, not all would be killed and also they used the colors when they played games. Also when they buried their loved ones back then, they painted the face with their color, red or blue.

Walter also says that when we say Bozho we are supposed to shake hands, so unless we are greeting someone with a handshake, we say Ha. And if we say "How" we must put up our hand. Also Megwetch is not really thank you but meaning you give me back something or even "give me that." So I guess I will sign off this time with Ba ma mi ma, which means "See you later" and Egwien which means "Thank You."

— Rocky Baptiste



# REGIONAL REPORTS

## Northern California

Ahau, niconi,

It is so interesting every time I return to Shawnee for pau wau. There is so much to learn in our language, but, by golly, some of it is starting to sink in. Bozho, or bosho, is literally "shake my hand," so if you haven't seen someone for a long time or you are just meeting someone for the first time, that would be an acceptable greeting.

However, because you read what I write and I feel we are conversing in a way, hau or ahau, is the more acceptable greeting ... such as you would say to someone you see often. Our young children are the ones who will carry on our language and culture, so it is up to us to provide them with as much information as we can. Lu Ellis has given permission to copy and distribute her delightful coloring book with Potawatomi words. Please call, email, or write me for your copy(ies) soon. I will be working on a revision of the materials I provided a couple of years ago and will let you know when that is available.

The pau wau was very good this year. It had gotten a little too big for my comfort last year, and this year with the scaling down of prize money, number of drums, etc., it felt more like a family/tribal event. We still had approximately 280 beautiful dancers and the parking lots were full on Saturday night. The drums were outstanding (Rough Arrow, Blackbird, & Scissortail), and the singers exceptional. Our Friday night Potawatomi night was delightful. The roundhouse was full and I met many wonderful people. The meal prepared by Esther Lowden and her staff was as yummy as last year, too.

Rocky Baptiste, Reg. Dir. for the Oregon/Washington region, was the Head Gourd Dancer. Lu Ellis, Reg. Dir. of the So. Texas region, was our Head Woman Dancer. How proud they both made me feel. It definitely made a difference having our own people leading the way.

Oh, yes, that includes Kristy Phillips, who once again led the way as Potawatomi Princess. Kristy is now a sophomore in high school making straight A's and looking forward to a bright future. Keep up the good work, Kristy!

It was a nice surprise to see Willie Greenfield, third place winner at our regional art contest, and meet some of his family there. Also attending were Bob and Pat Wahl from New York. Why is that so special? Well, besides being delightful folks, they are Barbara Potter's parents. Barbara, who handles our children's activities at our regional meeting and is also a storyteller, won First Place in the big contest in Shawnee! Is Northern California well represented? You bet! Congratulations, Barbara.

As Chairman Barrett mentioned at our regional meeting, plans are being made for a future regional office which will serve as a meeting place, resource center, and house a program for elders. This is projected for approximately five years hence. We will need to keep an eye out for possible locations .... preferably free, federal land on the fringes of an urban area. Closed military bases, etc. Just something to keep in mind. If you have any information or ideas, please send them to Rocky in Shawnee.

The Annual Gathering of Potawatomi is in Athens, Michigan, just south of Battle Creek. August 27-30 are the dates. There is talk of a charter bus leaving from Shawnee, so call ahead in case you are in the area and want to travel to a place where all the bands are represented. My family and I will be there, so be sure to say hello if you come.

Iw.(ee-u) That's all!(This word is also used at the end of prayer; i.e., amen.) Enjoy your summer and be safe...

— Jennifer J. Porter

## North Texas

Remember when I told you I was going to Oklahoma for the Business Council Meeting and the Pow Wow to escape the premature summer here in North Texas? Well, we did not escape. It was there waiting to welcome us, heat and humidity.

We were told that it was the hottest anyone could remember. We were all thankful for the air conditioned meeting rooms and the covered arbor, with fans! Now if we can only find a way to escape the sun during Grand Entry. The special Potawatomi Day is improving with age; this was the second year for it. I appreciated the special instruction about the Regalia and the dances, their meaning and origins. The food was great and special thanks to Esther and her crew for their many hours of hard work and braving the heat.

One daughter and grandson, Susan and Michael Wesley, were there for the third time and another daughter, Kati Lewis, was there for the first time. They all went on the Sacred Heart tour and I found out that Chairman Barrett was on the tour for his first time. It seems that this tour improves every year also, with tour guides on the buses. My family enjoyed it since their great-grandmother attended the school and stayed on to cook for the priests.

There were so many events going on, all informative, there was not enough time to do all of them and fit in shopping time at the gift shop. And the new office where they can identify the land our ancestors received in their allotments was exciting to me, especially when I found out that my grandmother had riverfront property. The new offices are wonderful and you should make plans to be there next year, unless you can arrange a visit to Shawnee before then. You should also be planning what you will enter in the art competition next year. It's not too early to start.

— Marj Hobdy

## South Texas

Hau, nde Bode'wadmi nikanes,

Pow Wow was fantastic, eh? Ni je na, ngom? I feel great! It rained this morning on our nation so it is cooler now. But we were able to dance in the heat, eh? We are Neshnabek. We can do that!

Some of you had kind words for me, regarding my statements on Friday night, Potawatomi night. Megwetch for that encouragement, for your kindness to me.

There is a little more I would say to you, if I may have permission to speak. We are a strong and viable people. We are so because our ancestors were, and they have made us so. They were a wounded people, from a wounded nation. Not defeated, but wounded deeply. They were brave, they endured. So shall we.

Recently I received a book, in this book\* are these words "Everyone has suffered ... the wisdom gained from our wounds and from our own experiences of suffering is that which makes us heal ... wounded people can best be healed by other wounded people ... only they understand what is needed ... only they can offer compassion."

Each of us meets with the stress of being Neshnabek in a white world. Our leaders carry tremendous burdens so

that the rest of us can "run free."

Remember their stress as you deal with your own. Know that they who take on these burdens do so out of love for the people. Respect their commitment to you. Make a commitment yourself.

Opinions and judgements do have their place. In council. In a white world we deal with daily. Among the Neshnabek, the good of the many supersedes the wishes of one, or a few. Having that basic wisdom allowed our Ancestors to endure, to survive.

Be as kind to each other as you have been to me during this 25th Annual Pow Wow. Be compassionate. All that is needed is the humanity in each of us. Our human frailty is the thread that binds us all together. Be patient. Our Ancestors expect it of us. They shed the light on the path we now walk.

Bode'wadmi gdown, pene'. Potawatomi you are, always. When we become the Ancestors, the Neshnabek shall continue to be.

What we do now shall set the path for those who follow.

Kche Meg wetch,

— Lu Ellis

\*The book is "Kitchen Table Wisdom" by Rachel Naomi Remen, M.D. I highly recommend it.

## Southwest

Bourzho,

She's back (still looking for myself) after two weeks on the road, a great Pow Wow in the middle and now a short hop to San Diego. I'm beginning to wind down.

Oh Esther, you and your troop really put on a great feast. We even were able to save our fruit for a midnight snack, just right for hot weather.

My, wasn't it hot? The Pow Wow was wonderful; I've already received appreciation from some first timers. They were curious as to why there is a give away, and the purpose of the honors dances. They seemed to enjoy the dances learning the two step and taking part in so many things. The giveaways were held on Sunday afternoon and many people took part. I unfortunately was unable to attend the entire event due to the heat. I was disappointed I was unable to share in the celebration with the families but sometimes that happens. Thank you, Rocky, and all concerned for a wonderful weekend. Sometimes I don't know my own limitations!!

It's so good to be so warmly greeted by the Oklahoma Family, and such a pleasure to re-connect with the other

"reps." So many people do so much for us at the home office, it leaves a lingering warm feeling.

Thank you, Norman, for the courtesy you showed me and my family. I really appreciated the chairs you had ready for us at the Pow Wow grounds, and they were always there each night without fail. Once again, thank you. My heartfelt prayers and love go out to our Mary Farrell and her family at the passing of their beloved father and husband. We missed Mary at the Pow Wow, but we know we will see her next year.

We had a great trip going to Pow Wow and a safe and wonderful trip home.

Now I'm going to have to rest up for August when my two grandsons and I venture to Seattle and the Chief Seattle Pow Wow. It has been a very exciting summer for me. However, I will continue to look for me, I know I'm out there somewhere! I cannot pretend to be anyone but me, I am as I am.

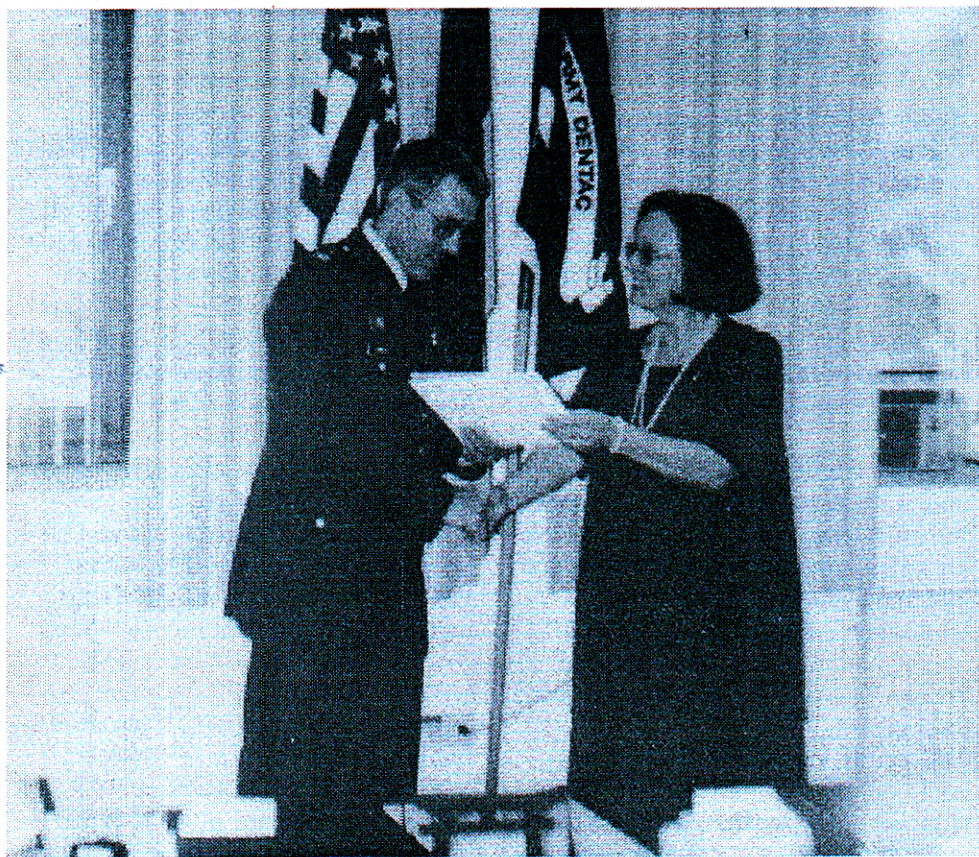
Remember, "There is no reason to waste today. You are traveling through time into the future. Tomorrow is beyond here and now ..."

Megwetch,

— Philonise Williams



# TRIBAL TRACTS



Col. Emert Receives Master's Degree

## Emert earns promotion, degree while serving in Germany

Tribal member and native Oklahoman Richard L. Emert was promoted to Colonel at the U.S. Army Heidelberg Dental Clinic in Heidelberg, Germany in a ceremony July 3, 1998. He was also awarded "a proficiency designator" for excellence in dental specialty of periodontics by the Surgeon General.

In addition to these awards, he received his master's degree in adult and higher education from the University of Oklahoma in conjunction with Heidelberg University.

Col. Emert graduated from Captain Shreve High School in Shreveport, Louisiana, in 1972 where he was a drum major for the Gator marching band. He was also active in R.O.T.C.

He graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1976 with a BA in chemistry. While attending the university he was a member of the Cornhusker marching band.

He graduated from the College of Dentistry at the University of Nebraska with a D.D.S. degree in 1980. He received his degree in periodontics while stationed at the Eisenhower Medical Center at Fort Gordon in Augusta, Georgia. He is a diplomat of the American Board of Periodontology.

He is currently stationed at the hospital dental clinic in Heidelberg, Germany where he is chief of periodontics and deputy officer in charge of the hospital dental clinic.

Col. Emert is married to the former Dawn Martin of August, Georgia. They have two children. He is the son of Cliff and Stella Emert of Oklahoma City and is the great-grandson of Carrie Mae Darling Striegel (deceased).

## Tribal member's daughter made him wear life-saving bullet-proof vest

The following story is about tribal member John Randolph Pierce, a descendant of Annie Clardy Boyer, who was the granddaughter of Joseph Bertrand. Her mother was his only daughter. Annie Boyer was married to William Chris Boyer, who was a U.S. Deputy Marshall in Purcell, Oklahoma (Indian Territory). Randy's parents are Betty Frances Boyer Pierce and Charles E. Pierce of Tulsa. Randy is vice president of the Native American Law Enforcement Association in Oklahoma. The story appeared in *The Tulsa World* on May 3, 1998)

By BARBARA ALLEN

Randy Pierce remembers everything that happened to him Friday, May 1st, 1998. The Tulsa County Sheriff's deputy closed his eyes in his hospital bed Saturday, remembering the rotten stench of the house he entered the day before, the looming piles of junk in the dark interior of the home.

He remembered a shadowy figure across the room, holding a gun. "I said 'Put-' " Pierce said. "I was going to say, 'Put it down, put the gun down,' but that's all I got out." Pierce, 36, was shot four times while trying to take a man into custody for a mental evaluation, officials said. He was hit in both arms, but a bulletproof vest shielded his chest from two other shots that doctors said would have killed him.

Arms wrapped in gauze, Pierce, who has been with the Sheriff's Office for five years, spoke to the *Tulsa World* from his hospital bed at Tulsa Regional Medical Center. He was listed in good condition Saturday, a hospital spokesman said.

Authorities took 71-year-old Darrow Manning Ford into custody after a two and a half hour hour standoff with police Friday. Ford is being held in the Tulsa Jail on a complaint of shooting with the intent to kill. He has no prior record, police said.

The shooting and standoff happened at 5645 W. 25th St. about 4:15 p.m., when Pierce, two other county lawmen and authorities from the Mobile Outreach Crisis Unit tried to serve a mental-health warrant to Ford. They were there to take Ford to Parkside Hospital for a mental evaluation.

Pierce was designated to enter the house first, but the man inside would not open the door, so the lawmen ended up kicking the door down, he said. Pierce then recalled how he was overwhelmed by the terrible smell inside the house. "The smell really knocked us out of our focus for a second," Pierce said. "The house just stunk real bad."

It was then that Pierce noticed the man standing across the room and tried to tell him to put his gun down. Pierce said he remembers three or four shots, and that he couldn't get his arms to move — there were bullets in both of them.

"I could see the muzzle flash," he said. "It was like we were in total control, but I couldn't move anything." One of the shots to his chest knocked Pierce out of the house. "It was like a mule had kicked me," he said. "It was just like slow motion. I just couldn't believe he shot me."

Officials said the gun that was used to shoot Pierce was a .45 caliber handgun. Pierce said the two other county lawmen there — Deputy Garland Thompson and Cpl. Kyle Hess — were quick and calm, and kept the situation from getting worse.

Thompson dragged Pierce away from the house and used his own body to block Pierce's from more shots that might have come. Thompson then dragged him to a safe area, Pierce said, putting pressure on the ruptured artery.

Deputies and Tulsa Police officers evacuated about a dozen homes in the area and called in TPD's Special Operations Team to get Ford out of his house.

Ford walked out of his house about 6:45 p.m., after police negotiators talked to him over a loud speaker, officials said. Officials and doctors agreed that the Kevlar bulletproof vest Pierce was wearing saved his life. Credit for that goes to his 5-year-old daughter, Taylor.

"I was getting dressed, and she's never done this before, but she went into the other room and got it," he said. "It saved my life." He said he wears it on occasion, depending on what his schedule entails for the day. Pierce underwent surgery Friday to repair an artery in a fractured arm, hospital officials said. He did undergo another surgery later that week to remove the bullet lodge in his shoulder.

Family members showed off the chest bruises under Pierce's white hospital gown, pink splotches where the bullets had been stopped by his vest. Pierce is one of four brothers in Tulsa law enforcement. Chris is a detention officer at the jail, Ed is a sergeant for the Tulsa Police Department and Donnie is a canine patrol officer.

Family members said Pierce is the only brother ever to be hurt in the line of duty, and that hasn't deterred him — Pierce said he wants to go back to work. "You bet," he said. "I'd do it right now if my arms didn't hurt."

### Buchanan completes training at San Antonio

Air Force Airman Derek S. Buchanan, son of Gerrard and Linda F. Buchanan of Marble Falls, has graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Buchanan is a 1996 graduate of Western Grove High School.

During the six weeks of

training, the airman studied Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.



# TRIBAL TRACTS

## Tribal member marks big milestones in life

In the span of a month, a young woman's life has changed remarkably. First, this young woman, a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, reached a goal she had worked five hard years to achieve — a Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communications from East Central University.

Second, she married the man of her dreams, Jerry Robert Milburn. Third, she began a summer internship at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in the Public Information Department.

After acquiring an Associate of Arts Degree in 1995, Carrie Sue (Yott) Milburn transferred to East Central University. It was at East Central she realized what she wants to accomplish. Growing up in the small town of Asher, she never had the options to write for a school newspaper, nor do anything else related to the media.

However, after Milburn got her first taste of the Mass Communications Department, she was hooked. It took three long years to obtain her dream, but on May 12, 1998, Milburn walked across that stage with her head held high. "It was hard, but I encourage anyone to tough it out because it's more than worth it," is Milburn's advice to anyone who might be leery of tackling the college grind.

During Milburn's final semester at East Central, she began dating Jerry Robert Milburn, also a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. In a very short while, the pair had become very close; they announced their engagement in December of 1998.

It was quite a coincidence that the couple are both from Asher and attended school together. "When I was a lot younger, Robert seemed a lot older than I. I remember he always picked on me on the school bus," the new Mrs. Milburn said.

The two decided to travel to Las Vegas, Nevada for their wedding. Along with their families, Carrie and Robert enjoyed a beautiful ceremony at the Canterbury Wedding Chapel, located in Excalibur Hotel and Casino. Carrie Sue Yott proudly became Mrs. Jerry R. Milburn on Tuesday, May 26, 1998.

A mere six days after the wedding, Carrie Milburn began her internship at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. She chose to intern at Citizen Potawatomi Nation because she and her husband are both Potawatomi but never had the chance to learn a lot about their heritage.

Milburn told the *HowNiKan*, "I thought the experience would give me the opportunity to learn more about my tribe and also give me a chance to contribute to the tribe." Not knowing exactly what to expect, Milburn walked in that first morning a little nervous.

"Fortunately, everyone I've met has been friendly and willing to help me,



Carrie & Robert Milburn

whenever I have any questions. My supervisor, Michael Dodson, has been a great help by giving me every possible opportunity to get experience in my field," Milburn said.

Dodson, the Nation's Director of Public Information, said, "Carrie has a tremendous amount of talent and an excellent attitude about working and learning. It is also very helpful that she is willing to stretch, accepting new and unusual challenges.

"It has been a pleasure helping her translate what she has learned in the classroom into real world experience."

Milburn attributes most of her success to the strong support and love she received from her parents, Darrell and Sue Yott of Asher. "Without them (mom and dad) I never would have achieved what I have." Her grandparents are Florence and the late George Yott of Asher and Georgia and the late F.A. Nolen, also of Asher.

Rob's parents are Jerry C. Milburn of Asher and Sue Milburn of Shawnee. His grandparents are the late Ines Silas Brinlee of Shawnee and Howard and the late

Norma Milburn of Pearson.

Some of the projects Milburn has begun working on include writing stories for the *HowNiKan*, shooting photographs, and updating the tribal media guide.

Milburn hopes to move on from this experience with knowledge of what working in the real world is about. She commented, "Hopefully, with what I have and what I will learn, I will have a better chance at getting a good job doing what I love."

**(Editor's note: The Citizen Potawatomi Nation welcomes inquiries about possible internships from other tribal members who have knowledge and talents that would be valuable in pursuing the Public Information Department's goals and accomplishing its tasks. In Carrie Milburn's instance, she will receive college credit for her work this summer. The Public Information Department can work within that context or can develop other situations to help tribal members interested in journalism or public relations earn experience.)**

## New markers dedicated July 12 on Trail of Death

Three Boy Scouts have earned their Eagle awards by erecting Trail of Death historical markers in rural Carroll County, Indiana. The markers were dedicated one after the other on Sunday, July 12, at the site of Winnemac's Old Village on Towpath Road. The stone marker is at 112 West Towpath Road, about 10 miles west of Logansport, following the Wabash River.

The Trail of Death was the forced removal of the Potawatomi Indians from northern Indiana to eastern Kansas in the fall of 1838. Over 40 died and were buried by the trail in unmarked graves. Today it is a Regional Historic Trail, created by acts of the state legislatures of Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, and Kansas. The placing of markers is coordinated by Shirley Willard, president of the Fulton County Historical Society, and secretary of its Indian Awareness Center. It is the goal of this group to get a historical marker placed at each camp site every 15 to 20 miles and then publish a map or book.

The new markers in Carroll County:

1. Stone marker at former site of Chief Winnemac's Old Village on Towpath Road at 112 West, erected by Crispin Andrews, Kokomo. This was the camp of Sept. 10, 1838, where a child and a man died.

2. Metal sign erected by Boy Scout Matt Trapp, Brighthurst, Ind. The sign is beside a wooden sign erected by Carroll County Historical Society in 1988 on County Road 800 West and 700 North. Lawrence Van Der Volgen, president of Carroll County Historical Society in 1988, erected the sign for the 150th anniversary of the Trail of Death, when a Trail of Death Commemorative Caravan traveled the route. The Trail of Death passed along the river about two miles from his farm. His grandfather told him of the Indians marching by and taking a short cut through the edge of his farm.

3. Metal plaque on a huge boulder at Pleasant Run north of Pittsburg at 800 West and 550 North., erected by Criss Gannon, Flora. Both Gannon and Trapp are members of Boy Scout Troop 144, led by J. Harold "Pappy" Stayer, Flora. This was the camp of Sept. 11, which was 17 miles from previous night.

A Trail of Death Commemorative Caravan is being organized to travel the Trail of Death Regional Historic Trial Sept. 21-30.

For more information, contact the Fulton County Historical Society, 37 E. 375 N., Rochester, IN 46975, phone 219-223-4436.



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| <u>VOTES</u> | <u>ABSENTEE</u> | <u>LIVE</u> | <u>TOTAL VOTES</u> |
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| YES          | 165             | 70          | 235                |
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| YES          | 179             | 76          | 255                |
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| <u>VOTES</u> | <u>ABSENTEE</u> | <u>LIVE</u> | <u>TOTAL VOTES</u> |
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ROBERT COFFEY

| <u>VOTES</u> | <u>ABSENTEE</u> | <u>LIVE</u> | <u>TOTAL VOTES</u> |
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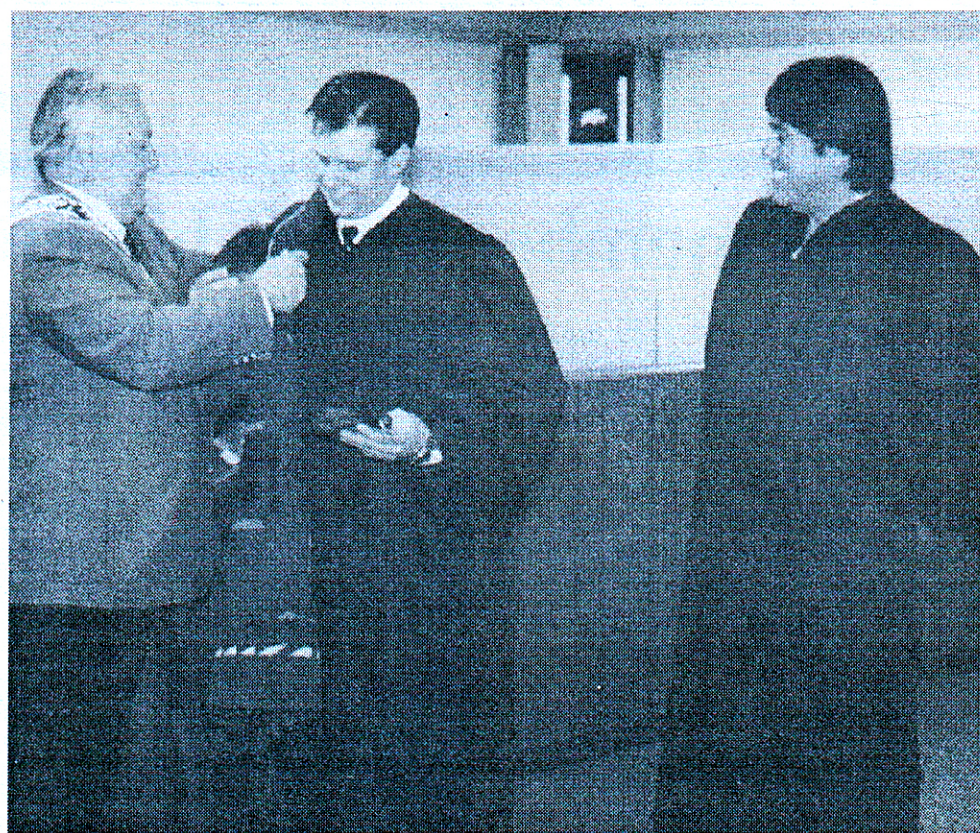
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***New Justice Sworn In***

Citizen Potawatomi Nation Supreme Court Justice Robert Coffey, center, was sworn in by Judge Phil Lujan, right, May 23 in the Tribal Court Room. Tribal Chairman John A. Barrett, left, presented him with a Pendleton blanket in honor of the occasion. Judge Coffey, along with several others, was re-elected for another term in the annual tribal election June 27.

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 Wé byé wimen  
 Nich Nishnabé  
 Waté ya  
 Té ya  
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 Tokin  
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 Cho shé  
 Dawé  
 Mnekwé  
Mbish nwi mnekwé  
Ibe yewag  
 Mno gizhget  
 Nmedsé na zhya nijepi maji  
Nso dbegné ngom  
 Wené d zhonya nmenes  
Gezhaw men, zhonya wgemek  
 Ginan ne gdabyan ?  
 É hengh ginan ndabyan

It's your turn  
 I don't know, maybe  
 maybe tomorrow  
 What is that ?  
 I don't exactly know  
 I am always sick  
 I am called (add your name)  
What is your name?  
 Where are you going?  
 When are you going to start?  
 My fellow man  
 (excitement is expressed)  
 (excitement is expressed)  
 Quiet  
 wake up  
I'm sleepy  
 not yet  
 sell or trade  
 to drink something  
Water I want to drink.  
over there he is  
 good morning  
 I might go when are you going?  
 3:00 o'clock today.  
 Good, money I need  
we will go to the bank  
we will go in your car  
Yes we'll go in your car

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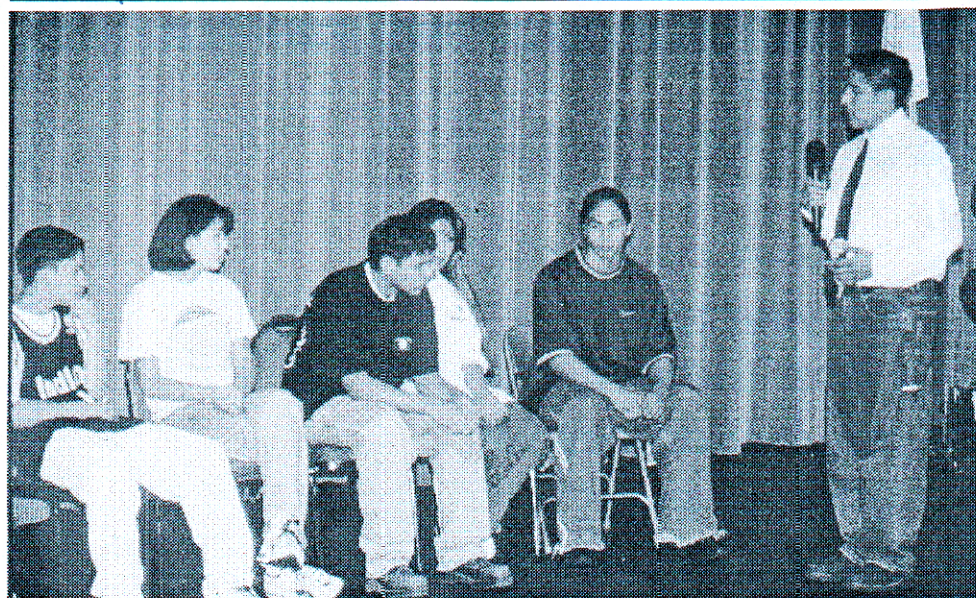
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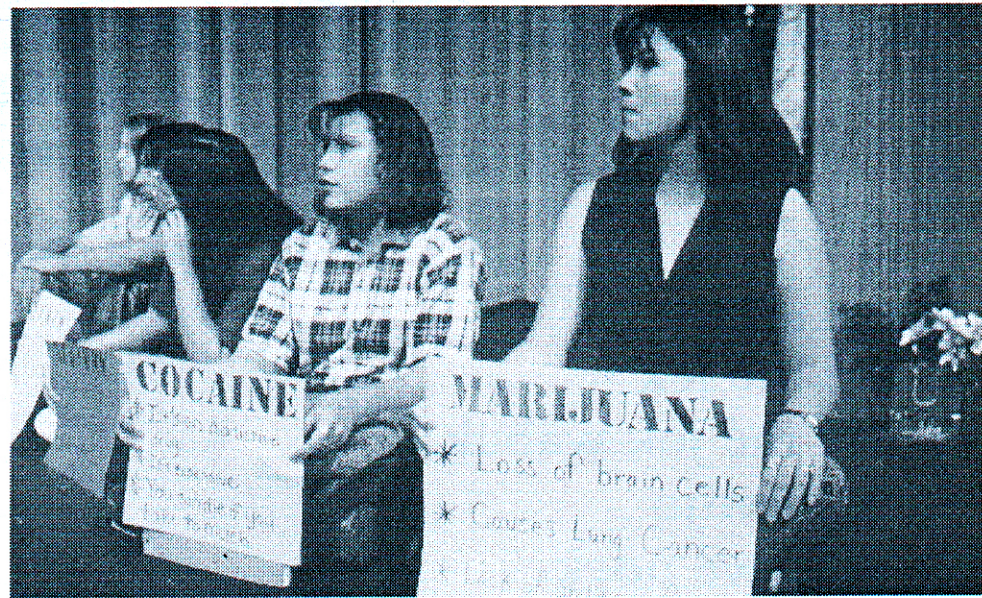
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Two touching, well-written-and-performed skits highlighted the Summer Youth Employment Program graduation at St. Gregory's University. One group presented its version of a television talk show, driving home the message that parents should respect their children — and that young people should earn that respect. A second



group illustrated the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse with a skit-in-mime to the tune of a popular rock song. The skit climaxed with the message that drug and alcohol abuse can kill.

## Participant sees summer youth program from inside

(Editor's Note: Estee Necole Tallbear, an Iowa/Citizen Potawatomi, invested the summer of 1998 as a Summer Youth Employment Program participant. Ms. Tallbear worked in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Public Information Department. As a result of her experience in the Summer Youth employment Program, Ms. Tallbear discovered an aptitude for and a sincere interest in journalism.)

One of Ms. Tallbear's assignments was to interview other Summer Youth Employment Program participants, to learn what they have gained from their experience. Ms. Tallbear's final product is being used as a letter to certain members of the U.S. House and Senate, in an effort to head off proposed de-funding of the Summer Youth Employment Program.

We are proud to present pertinent portions of Ms. Tallbear's letter.)

In the Fiscal Year 1999 spending bill, the House Labor/HHS Committee's Education Appropriations Subcommittee has recommended the complete de-funding of the Jobs Training Partnership Act Summer Youth Employment Program. Unless this decision is reversed, it will have devastating effects on the youth in our community.

The JTPA Summer Youth Program is the only program that helps economically disadvantaged Native American youth learn what it is like to hold a job and earn an income. These experiences are essential for our youth to be able to develop a positive, long-term attachment to the workforce.

Following are excerpts from interviews that I conducted with Native American young people who participated in the 1998 Citizen Potawatomi Nation Summer Youth Employment Program.

I asked David Onzawah what he learned from the program. Mr. Onzawah said that he learned how to work well with others. I asked if this experience has

been beneficial to him in any way. He said, "Yes. It made me feel good, because I was earning my own money."

Asked if he would have rather spent his summer differently, Mr. Onzawah answered, "No, I would not." If he had done anything else, he said, he would have attended a Driver's Education course.

I inquired about the uses David made of the money he earned. "I saved it and put some in mutual funds," he said. When I asked if he wants to participate in this program next year, his answer was a firm "Yes."

Finally, I asked Onzawah to explain why he believes that the government should not deny us this program. "Because it brings Indian kids together and they make new friends," he replied.

Valerian Riley explained what learned from the program: "I learned to respect others. I learned life skills, specifically prevention of HIV, and about HIV," she said. Ms. Riley also stated that the program was beneficial to her by allowing her to save the money she earned.

When I asked if she would rather have spent her summer differently, she replied "If I had not been here, I would have just slept all the time. I would have rather been here." Asked what she did with her money, she said that she bought things for herself and others.

Kristy Phillips told me that she learned job skills for future employment. I wondered whether the program was beneficial for her. "Yes!" she replied. "I learned money management, life skills, and to open up and work as a member of a team."

She also said that she would not have wanted to spend her summer differently. "Yes, I would love to be in this program next summer," She said.

Asked about uses for the money she earned, Ms. Phillips said that she put hers in a college fund. "Why should the government refrain from cutting funding for this program," I asked. "Because, through it, I learned that did not know that there

are so many Native youth in this area, who are friendly," she said. "I did not know there are so many. Without this program, I would have never meet these people."

Lisa Mena said that she learned teamwork during the rope course. Was the program beneficial to her? "Yes," she said. "It helped me to learn to trust." I asked whether Ms. Mena rather would have spent her summer differently. She replied that she would not. "I would have just been at home, sleeping," she replied.

Ms. Mena said that she spent her money on paying bills at her apartment. In addition, "Yes," she said, "I want to be in the program next year." "One of the major reasons the program should not be taken out is because it gives kids things to do and it keeps them off the streets and out of trouble."

Enedina Cervantes learned responsibility, money management, and life skills. The program was beneficial because of the money she earned and the opportunity to meet new people.

To the question about whether she would have rather spent her summer differently, Ms. Cervantes replied, "No, because I would probably be in trouble."

How did Enedina use the money she earned? "I bought new clothes." Cervantes would like to participate in the program in the summer of 1998 "because it is fun." She said that the program should continue "because it helps a lot of kids that do not have any money to get things that they need and want."

Bobby Lonelodge learned money management, teamwork, and responsibility. I asked him to explain how was the program beneficial to him. "I got a bunch of clothes and new shoes," he said.

Like the other participants, Mr. Lonelodge cannot think of anything he would have been doing in the summer of '98. "If I had not been here, I would have been sitting at home watching television."

Bobby used his earnings for clothes

and entertainment. Would he like to be in this program next summer? "Yes, to learn something." Why should the government not take away this program? "Otherwise, all these teens will be learning things, like how to use other drugs and how to kill people—at least they learn something (positive) here. This is a positive environment and we meet new friends here!"

Jaime Cervantes learned how to act during a job interview, how to create a resume, responsibility, taking control, and being a leader and a role model. Has this experience been beneficial in any way to him? "I learned valuable things and cherish the experience. I am contemplating becoming a teacher."

Would Jaime rather have spent his summer differently? "No. I would probably have been at home watching television and playing basketball." Jaime will use his earnings "to help pay for college and clothing." Does he want to be involved in this program next summer? "Yes, because it is invigorating."

Why should the government continue this program? "So kids will have something to do, so they will not waste away their lives, and so they will have a job to go to and not do illegal things."

Ben Coon told me that he learned responsibility and teamwork through the Summer Youth Employment Program. Moreover, the program proved beneficial. "When I get paid, I buy things for the house and myself."

Would Mr. Coon rather have spent his summer do something else? "No. I probably would have just stayed home if I had not been here? And, with the money I earned, I was able to buy clothes, shoes, and stuff for my house."

Ben said that he definitely hopes to be able to be in SYEP next year. "I got to meet a lot of people and made new friends."

Chris Howell learned a valuable lesson — how to get a job. The money he earned has been beneficial to Mr. Howell. What

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## Summer Youth Employment Program (Continued)

were some of the things that he did with his money? "I bought clothes."

Would Chris rather have spent his summer differently? "No, because I would have just been sitting home, bored." He, too, hopes to be able to participate in SYEP in 1999.

Mark Wolfe explained that he learned "responsibilities and how to work well with others for a specific reason." He benefited from SYEP because "it shows you how to work with kids." Mr. Wolfe "paid for my car and bought clothes" with his earnings.

"If I can, I hope to participate in the program next summer," Wolfe said. It gives Native teens something to do in the summer."

Terry Wapskineh enjoyed "great success in life skills and management" during his participation in SYEP. The program was beneficial "in that it gave me something to do." He would not have preferred spending his summer in any other manner "because this was a great opportunity and it helped me to stay out of trouble."

What would Terry have been doing if he had not been in this program? "I probably would have been in trouble, trying to find something to do without any money." He used his earnings "to buy clothes for school, help with the bills, mostly. I don't

know what I would have done without the money I earned here this summer."

Would Wapskineh like to be in this program next summer? "Yes," he said, "I would love to be. The government should not take this program away from us because it gives us something to do."

Through SYEP, Jeremy McIntosh learned how to upgrade career. The program was beneficial for me because it provided a way to earn some money. He can think of nothing that he would have preferred doing with his summertime. "No. I would have just sat at home, watching Jerry Springer." (What kind of role model is that?)

What were some of the things that he did with his money? "I bought clothes and invested some of it." Jeremy is hoping for an opportunity to return to SYEP in 1999. "It is good for Natives" is his simple, logical reason.

As many of the other SYEP participants did, Brian Ponkilla learned responsibility. He admits he would have rather spent his summer sleeping. Brian would like to participate in SYEP again next summer because "you learn how to get a job here."

SYEP participation seems to have been very beneficial for Andrea Cervantes. "I learned responsibilities, communication skills, aggressiveness, and new activities," she explained.

Would she rather have spent her summer differently? "No. I would have just been staying at home. And, I was able to use the money I earned to pay bills, buy clothes, and help mom out with necessities."

Cervantes said that "the government should not take this program away because it keeps kids in line, provides op-

portunities for them, gives them a positive outlook, and keeps them away from negative environments."

Tallbear concluded the letter with a request that the member of Congress who is reading the letter vote to insure that "the Summer Youth Employment Program receives all of the funding which has been requested."

### Northeast U.S. Regional Council to be considered Sept. 20

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Business Committee has scheduled a meeting on September 20, 1998 in Alexandria, Virginia. The purpose is to begin the process for determining whether there is sufficient interest among tribal members in that part of the United States to form a Northeast U.S. Regional Council.

A meeting time and location are being determined and will be announced in the next edition of the *HowNikan*. "We will mail notice of the meeting to the homes of tribal members who live in the northeast U.S.," said Bob Trousedale, Deputy Tribal Administrator.

Tribal members who want more information or who need to submit a change of address notice can call the Citizen Potawatomi offices at 800-880-9880. They should ask to speak to Trousedale or to Vickie Canfield.

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# POTAWATOMI SCRAPBOOK

## Two new plaques dedicated on Potawatomi Trail of Death

Historians, Potawatomi Indians, and the public joined the staff of the Midwest Jesuit Archives in St. Louis and the Fulton County (Indiana) Historical Society on March 21 to dedicate two plaques in honor of Father Benjamin M. Petit, the missionary priest who accompanied the Potawatomi Indians on their "Trail of Death" from northern Indiana to Kansas in 1838. Taken ill himself on that fateful journey, Father Petit died of fever at the Jesuit residence in St. Louis on his return.

A native of the city of Rennes in France, the young missionary arrived in northern Indiana and began work among the Potawatomi in the fall of 1837. Facile with languages, he picked up much of the tribal language and lore during that first winter. When the soldiers began the forceful removal of over 850 Indians, the Potawatomi begged Father Petit to go with them.

Burdened with an expanding immigrant population, Simon Brute, Bishop of Vincennes, Indiana, only reluctantly allowed Father Petit to travel west with the Potawatomi. The militia pushed hard. The tribe suffered, especially children who died in disproportionate numbers. Father Petit blessed 40 graves, mostly those of children. He frequently took ill himself while crossing the wide prairie. Finally, the group reached Kansas Territory in November. The Jesuit missionary Christian Hoecken welcomed their arrival.

Father Petit began the return journey while ill with fever and with lesions that did not heal. When he reached St. Louis, he accepted the hospitality of the Jesuit community. A doctor came but could do little. Father Petit died on February 10, 1839, at the age of 27. He died in the Jesuit seminary building at 9th and Washington streets and was buried in the old cemetery at 7th Street and St. Charles Avenue. In 1856 the cemetery was moved to make room for downtown St. Louis. At that time Father Edward Sorin, founder of Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana, came and took Father Petit's body back to Indiana. Today Father Petit's remains lie under the floor of the Log Chapel at Notre Dame.

The Midwest Jesuit Archives adjoin the Missouri Provincial headquarters at 4515 West Pine Boulevard, near the center of the City of St. Louis. Visitors coming from Illinois will find that the Poplar Street Bridge (Highway I-70, I-64 and I-55) leads to U.S. 40 directly west from the Mississippi River. After 30 blocks, the visitor should take the Forest Park Boulevard Exit and proceed eight blocks to Taylor, then turn right and go two blocks to the northwest corner of Taylor at West Pine, and turn left. The entrance to the Archives is at the annex to the second building from the corner, between the two large build-



Father Benjamin M. Petit, the missionary priest who accompanied the Potawatomi Indians on their Trail of Death from northern Indiana to Kansas in 1838.

ings. Travelers from the west should take I-44 or U.S. 40 to Kings Highway, turn north (left) to West Pine, and turn right 1 1/2 blocks to 4515 West Pine, which will be on the left just past the Lashly Branch of the St. Louis Public Library. The archives phone is 314-361-5122.

The plaques are identical to ones dedicated last fall at the Fulton County Historical Society, Rochester, Indiana. The plaques are sponsored by the Midwest Jesuit Archives, by the Fulton County (Indiana) Historical Society's Indian Awareness Center, by Howard Kline, Florissant, Missouri, whose grandfather Adam Black Fox was a Potawatomi, and by Tom Hamilton, a descendant of Abram Burnett and a member of the Citizen Nation Potawatomi, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

The plaques are part of the Trail of Death Regional Historic Trail, which was approved by the state legislatures of Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, and Kansas.

The plaques were designed by Tom Hamilton, a great-great-grandson of Abram Burnett, a full blood Potawatomi who was on the Trail of Death. Burnett was the same age as Father Petit and accompanied him to St. Louis, Potawatomi legend tells that Burnett carried Father Petit on horseback through rain and sleet to reach St. Louis, where Petit died. Hamilton lives at Leesburg, Indiana, in summer, and at Checotah, Oklahoma, in winter. He is a retired advertising executive and designed the plaques on his computer.

The picture of Father Petit was made by the artist George Winter in 1838. The original oil painting is owned by Mrs. Cable Ball, Lafayette, Indiana. Her late husband was a great-great-grandson of Winter. The picture was reproduced on the plaque with her permission.

Shirley Willard, president of the Fulton County Historical Society, is coordinator of the placing of historical markers on the Trail of Death Regional Historic Trail. There are now 40 markers and several

more planned for this year.

Willard is a member of the committee that is planning a Trail of Death Commemorative Caravan which will travel the original route from Indiana to Kansas Sept. 21-30. Other members of the committee are members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation: Dr. George Godfrey, Lawrence, Kansas, who is in charge of the Illinois portion of the trip; Susan Campbell, Seattle, Washington, in charge of Missouri; and Sister Virginia Pearl, Pawnee Rock, Kansas, in charge of Kansas. The caravan will begin at the Fulton County Museum at 8 a.m. Sept. 21 and travel to Chief Menominee's statue for a ceremony at 9 a.m. The caravan will reach Osawatomi, Kansas, Sept. 30. They will be greeted by local groups as they pass through each of the 24 counties on the route.

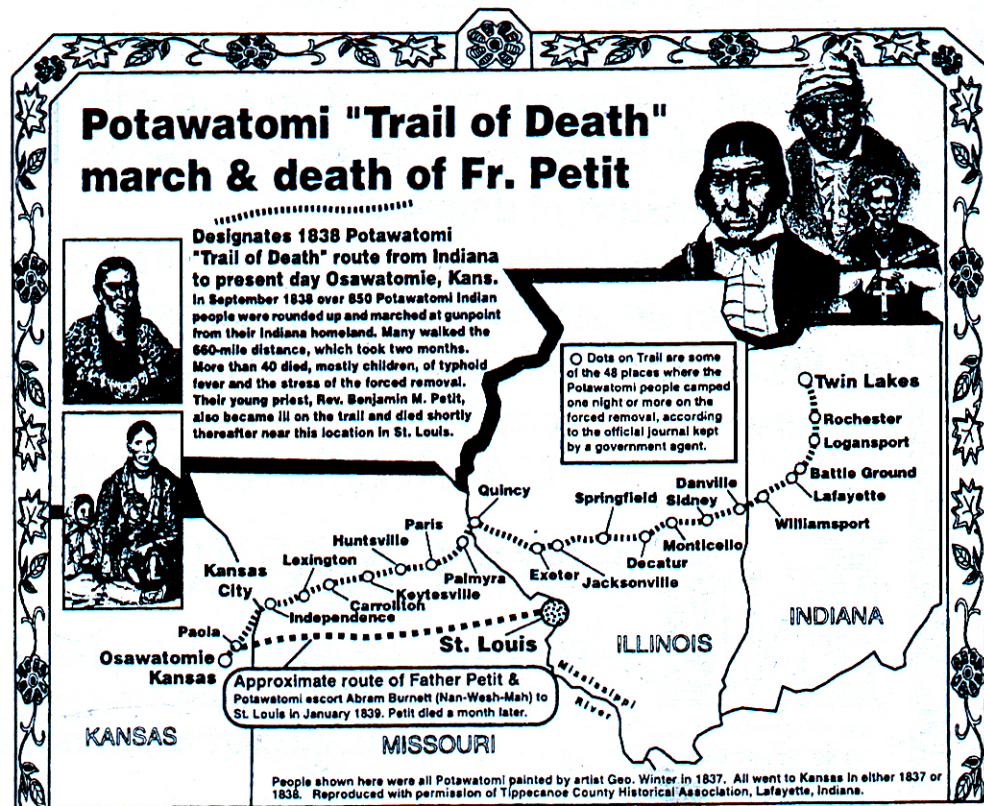
Menominee was a Potawatomi leader who refused to sign the 1836 treaty selling

his land for \$1 an acre. He and two other chiefs were placed in a jail wagon and soldiers rounded up all the Potawatomi within a 30 to 50 miles radius and marched them at gun point cross Indiana. When Father Petit caught up with the group at Danville, Illinois, he secured the release of the chiefs and got better treatment of the Indians. The soldiers (actually Indiana Militia, which became the National Guard) went back to Indiana leaving the federal conductor, William Polke, in charge. He and Father Petit did all they could to help the Indians on the long 680 mile march that took 61 days.

For more information, such as how to help sponsor historical markers or how to travel with the Commemorative Caravan, contact Fulton County Historical Society, 37 E. 375 N., Rochester, IN 46975, phone 219-223-4436. The FCHS museum is open Monday-Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Why do we place historical markers and lead commemorative caravans to make the public aware of the Trail of Death?

"Unless exposed to the light of truth, the past atrocities against the American Indian will become permanent ghosts in the cultural memory of a people crying out for justice. We desperately need full disclosure of past unjust and cruel actions of the dominant society in order to deal with the many years and generations of unresolved grief. For Native American peoples the wounds of the past are deep and are tragically inherited from one generation to the next," said Tom Hamilton, member of Citizen Potawatomi Nation.





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Ron Plumley, Otoe/Pawnee, and Charles J. Duncan, Citizen Potawatomi, join a Grand Entry.



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Each evening's Grand Entry began the festivities in a colorful but very emotional manner.



Floyd Moses, a Pawnee from Anadarko, joins the Gourd Dancing in the Round House.

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